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Scott Fitzwilliams, Forest Supervisor  
USFS White River National Forest  
900 Grand Avenue  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Dear Mr. Fitzwilliams:

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners approved the Sweetwater Lake Recreation Development Project Cooperating Agency Agreement between the White River National Forest and the Eagle County Board of Commissioners. We look forward to participating in this process and are excited about the transfer of ownership of this valuable amenity to the Forest Service.

While we understand that converting the Sweetwater Lake Property into a State Park managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife is an option being considered, we believe that a thorough assessment by the Forest Service is necessary to evaluate environmental impacts as well as impacts to the Sweetwater Lake Community.

Although the lake and surrounding property are in Garfield County, impacts of this change of ownership will be felt by Eagle County and its residents as well. We are in receipt of a thoughtful letter from the Sweetwater Community expressing their surprise at the announcement of the Lake as a State Park. The community has a number of suggestions for future management of the property which should be taken into consideration as this process moves forward.

We anticipate robust discussions and a thorough assessment of all impacts, and look forward to active involvement.

Sincerely,

Jeanne McQueeney  
Chair

Kathy Chandler-Henry  
Commissioner

Matt Scherr  
Commissioner