

*[Your Name]*

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Dear Commissioner Lefton,

I am writing to share my concerns with the proposed Visitor Use Management recommendations for Kaaterskill Clove.

While I understand the need to address safety and environmental issues, I do not support the restrictive measures being suggested in place of practical, on the ground solutions. Approaches such as reservation systems, visitor caps, or gated access move away from addressing the root causes of congestion, safety concerns, and environmental impacts.

I am also concerned about the impact this could have on local communities like the Town of Hunter, which rely on responsible visitation. Limiting access to public lands that have historically been open will have real economic consequences for residents and small businesses.

There are more effective solutions that should be prioritized, including better parking management on existing State owned lands, improved traffic flow, increased staffing and enforcement, improved signage, and stronger on site oversight. These approaches directly address the issues we are facing without unnecessarily restricting access.

I also support the concerns raised in the April 6 letter from Sean Mahoney, Town Supervisor of Hunter, and believe a more balanced and practical approach is needed.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

*[Your Name]*