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Please do not limit or reduce the size of the Westminster dog park. This park is greatly valued by dedicated Colorado residents as it provides a safe, beautiful, and local place for residents to exercise with other friends on two legs and four.

While I understand that environmental impacts can damage natural landscapes, please consider other ways to maintain the space beyond simply shutting it down. Trails could be rotated seasonally. More trash cans could be made available. Many suggestions have been put forward - please consider these.

Keep in mind that forcing all these habitual visitors to go elsewhere doesn't simply make those people and their impacts disappear - it simply pushes them to other places where their pets may not be able to run and play safely off leash. Other dog parks less suited for the numbers of visitors will absorb these visitors.

With people as creative and dedicated to nature as Colorado residents are, we can find a better solution than simply limiting the park. Please work with residents and park visitors to help preserve this treasured space.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Jefferson County resident, dog owner
Sent from my iPhone