



Tin Cup Civic Association

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Matt McCombs
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RE: Forest Plan Comments

Dear Mr. McCombs,

The Tin Cup Civic Association (TCCA) Board of Directors submits the following comments for the development of a revised Forest Plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests:

1. Our number one concern is for the safety of the historic townsite of Tin Cup, with wildfire as the greatest threat. The restriction to dispersed camping in south Taylor Park implemented last year was an excellent first step to address our trepidation. The Board thanks you and Mr. Armentrout for this action. For the revised Forest plan, we strongly advocate making all south Taylor Park dispersed camping restrictions permanent. In addition, we recommend expanding the restrictions from Tin Cup all the way to the existing Mirror Lake Campground.
2. After the paving of Cottonwood Pass is completed in October of this year, we expect our considerable traffic and congestion issues to multiply dramatically, if not exponentially. The traveling public needs to be made aware of existing speed limits on County Road 765, whether through posting of signs or whatever means the Forest Service finds appropriate and effective. This certainly includes enforcement.
3. The Board and the majority of the TCCA membership expects Taylor Park visitors to be well educated regarding Forest Service rules and regulations. We fully support posting pertinent information on Forest Service facilities, including the joint Forest Service/TCCA kiosk in Tin Cup. We also support all Forest Service communications, bulletins, and meetings - regardless of the medium used. Tin Cup residents have worked diligently to protect our environment through responsible behavior. We fully expect all Taylor Park visitors to do the same, by following the rules and being accountable for their actions.

Please feel free to contact me or Joe Grenawalt if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Tom Carroll
President, Tin Cup Civic Association