



## Tin Cup Civic Association

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### RE: DRAFT GMUG Forest Plan

***We ask that Forest Order #GMUG 2017-11 be extended until the Forest Plan is complete and implemented, including a designated camping program for south Taylor Park.***

The Tin Cup Civic Association (TCCA) is comprised of property owners in the historic townsite of Tin Cup, Colorado, located at the south end of Taylor Park in the Gunnison National Forest. Many members of the TCCA are third or fourth generation owners – most cabins have been in families for many years. As a group, we have a long history of caring for our town and for the surrounding area. We are active in cleanup activities, fire safety (extinguishing campfires left by careless campers & posting fire restriction signs), road & trail maintenance, and general stewardship.

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide comments to the DRAFT Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) Forest Plan. Our primary concern is the continuation of Forest Order # GMUG 2017-11, which provides for dispersing camping limits in south Taylor Park (near Tin Cup). This Order, implemented in 2017, has overwhelming support from Tin Cup residents. In fact, almost all residents agree that this Order has prompted more positive change to the area than any other Forest Service action – of any kind. However, the Order expires in December 2022, and we are uncertain that the new Forest Plan will be complete and in effect by that time. For all practical purposes, the summer of 2023 would be the target date for camping limits to be extended.

Our understanding is that the new GMUG Forest Plan will significantly address dispersed camping versus designated camping in Taylor Park. Although the specifics may not be defined, the current dispersed camping restrictions under the Forest Order are expected to remain in place until a designated camping program for south Taylor Park is completed and implemented.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

Tom Carroll

President, Board of Directors, Tin Cup Civic Association