

RE: Pinecrest Basin Management–Community Center Proposal

I am submitting this letter as my formal comment and objection regarding the Pinecrest Basin Management–Community Center Forest Plan Amendment and Special Use Permit (#689965), including the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

I was born and raised in the Pinecrest area. The area is treasured for its natural beauty, outdoor recreation opportunities, and peaceful mountain atmosphere that families have enjoyed for generations.

I strongly oppose the current direction of the Pinecrest Basin Management–Community Center proposal. This project would move Pinecrest toward increased commercialization and overcrowding that is unnecessary and inconsistent with the character of the area. Pinecrest already experiences significant congestion during peak seasons, and this proposal would only intensify those existing problems.

My primary concerns include:

- Public safety
- Increased traffic, congestion, and parking issues
- Environmental protection and preservation
- Negative impacts on the visitor experience

The proposal's own Environmental Assessment acknowledges that the project would increase traffic, parking demands, infrastructure strain, and commercial impacts. Expanding commercial activity in the basin will place additional pressure on an area that is already heavily impacted during busy times of the year.

Pinecrest has long benefited from zoning protections intended to preserve the basin's natural character and scenic beauty. Families like mine continue to visit and live in this area because of those protections and the unique environment they help maintain.

I respectfully urge you to fully evaluate the long-term impacts this Environmental Assessment and proposal may have on local businesses, residents, and the many families who have cherished Pinecrest for generations.

Thank you.

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