

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the proposed Pinecrest Basin Management Direction – Community Center Forest Plan Amendment and Special Use Permit (#68965).

I was born and raised in Tuolumne County and have lived in Strawberry my whole life. I work throughout the Highway 108 area and have seen how crowded Pinecrest already becomes during busy seasons. Traffic, parking shortages, overcrowding, and strain on local infrastructure are already major issues, and expanding commercial activity in the Basin will likely make those problems worse.

I am also concerned about changing long-standing Forest Plan rules to allow expanded commercial uses that were previously not permitted. This sets a bad precedent for future development and raises concerns about fairness and consistency in the permitting process.

Pinecrest is valued for its natural setting, recreation opportunities, and small mountain-town atmosphere. More commercialization could slowly change the character of the area and reduce the experience that residents and visitors come here to enjoy.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Forest Service to deny or withdraw the proposed amendment and permit until further review and environmental analysis are completed.

Thank you for your time.

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