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Comments: The Blue River Cowbelles were formed in 1954. It has been an active group and its over 60 members go from coast to coast.

Established dispersed camping sites are shown along FR 567 but not FR 281. Alternative 2 designates 300-foot corridors along 1,027 miles of road (35 percent of roads open for public use) for the sole purpose of motorized dispersed camping per 36 CFR 212.51(b). The corridors are measured from the centerline of the road. Vehicles may pull off the road to access dispersed camping sites. Are these [ldquo]dispersed camping sites[rdquo] only ones that are shown as black dots on the map or do they include the ones that have been in existence for many years but not shown as black dots? There have been conflicting comments made as to whether dispersed camping will be allowed along the Blue Road, FR 281, or not. Many of these sites have been in existence for many years, some decades. Removal of these all ready existing sites will put more pressure on private land as campers and hunters start camping on these areas, with or without permission. It will also transfer camping to the dispersed camping sites designated on the map, greatly increasing effects on those locations. Along the Blue are favorite hunting spots that coincide with the favorite camp sites. Our Cowbelle organization has a fundraising food sale in the fall each year. Money raised go towards scholarships, grants, the Blue School, the Blue Cemetery, and the Blue Public Library our organization started. Decreasing camping availability and the related hunting as hunters find other areas closer to camp could have a serious economic impact on not only our group but, more importantly, our projects.

Thank you for your consideration,

Blue River Cowbelles