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Re: Forest Order Camping Restrictions

Mr. Hunter,

I support the proposed camping restrictions. Protecting the forest from over-use is very important. The need for limiting continued use of campsites is understandable. However, it sounds like the major intent of this order to discourage semi-permanent campers. Perhaps this order should explicitly state that long-term camping exceeding 14 days is not permitted.

It is not clear from the overview provided if the campsite used for 14 days will be subsequently left vacate for a designated recovery period. As a suggestion, the order could include that campsites will be closed for a recovery or restoration period determined by the USFS personnel; after 14 days of continuous use (either by a single or combination of campers). Designating the campsite closure with a sign could inform/educate campers on the importance of limiting overuse and providing a recovery period.

Closing sites and designating the closure with an educational sign would strengthen this order's ability to prevent over-use of camping areas.

Susan White

Hiker, concerned citizen, and Georgia Forest Watch member

P.S.= thank you for asking for our input