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Comments: I grew up and have spent most of my adult life living seven minutes from Pinecrest Lake. As a child, I would've not wanted to grow up anywhere else because of the safety, quiet, and peace this area brought to me and my family. I have worked at local businesses in Pinecrest over the past 15 years as well, and through the customers, one of our largest compliments is the quaintness and serenity this place brings due to its ruralness. We are also told often that they really respect the fact we have kept it small and not commercialized it. I believe that this area should be protected and respected in the sense of maintaining the ruralness and wilderness aspect of the area. It is extremely frustrating watching the lake become more popular over the years, not because I do not want to see people enjoying the beautiful area, but simply because it is not taken care of anymore. The majority of people that visit the lake are no longer locals, and they have little to no regard for protecting the beaches & water, cleaning up after themselves, or respecting the beauty and wildness of the area. Trash and debris are left almost daily on the beaches and in the water during the summer; this fact alone poses a significant threat to the nature and animals that call this area home. I believe that commercializing the area would only increase this problem, if not lead to further damage to the environment. It is no secret the way that Lake Tahoe is left after Fourth of July weekend or any major holiday, and I can only assume such sites will be seen here if we expand commercialization. A another point worth stating is that with increased tourism in the area over the previous years, my family's local business (a small bike shop) has witnessed and been victimized to an incredible increase in thefts. this has had a detrimental, lasting impact on our business. It would crush my heart to see it become commercialized any further. I am standing with Pinecrest Lake and strongly believe it should stay wild, and we should preserve as much of the nature and beauty as possible. I believe this is our duty and our responsibility. I wish to see people continue to enjoy this area, but not at the price of destroying our scenic and breathtaking special mountain lake and the creatures that call this area home. I have attached photos showing the purity and beauty of this lake; it would be a tragedy if this is not maintained.