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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to give my full support for the continuation and proliferation of dispersed camping CLOSURES around Tincup and throughout the Taylor Park area.

In 2017 it was immediately apparent that the human footprint on the area was reduced. There was noticeably less trash, less fuelwood gathering, less noise pollution (NOISE IS POLLUTION!), and less traffic infringement on areas surrounding camp sites. I also noticed more wildlife than in previous years. I commend the forest service for doing what is right - not necessarily what is easy - and protecting these beautiful natural resources of the Taylor area. I beg you to please institute a permanent closure of dispersed camping where the temporary ban has already been implemented and furthermore expand it to the larger area that was originally proposed.

I have been coming to the Taylor area for my entire life of 38 years. The increasing trend of irresponsible behavior in camping areas over the past 15-20 years has been truly saddening and concerning. My children are now coming to an age where they can appreciate this glorious place and I hope very much that we can protect it well enough for them to know the peace and beauty of the area for their lifetime.

Thanks for your hard work and noble efforts to do what is right and protect the forest above all else.

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