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Comments: Dear Reader,

I have been a frequent visitor or resident of Taylor Park for my entire life. I can honestly say that I love it dearly and want nothing more for the area than to see it preserved for generations to come.

In the past 15 years I have been saddened and disappointed by the camping trends that have overwhelmed the area and degraded the forest, especially around Tin Cup. The size of camp sites and the volume of usage seems to be ever growing; the area has suffered tremendously as a result. However, the camping restrictions that were enacted in recent years have been a brilliant and much needed measure to begin addressing and controlling the issues. Effected areas are already rebounding and returning to their natural states. I would like to commend and thank the National Forest Service for their outstanding work in implementing the camping ban around Tin Cup.

In the forest plan for upcoming years, this camping ban should be continued. Furthermore, I beg you to please expand the camping restriction eastward to Mirror Lake and Northward to Taylor Park Trading Post. The success of the current forest order cannot be denied and the larger area that is suffering should benefit from the same success.

As mentioned, I have known Taylor Park for my entire life (40 years). I have seen the trends and I know that further action must be taken to protect and preserve. The current situation simply is not sustainable or responsible.

Thanks for your consideration and your continuing efforts to provide a beautiful and natural forest.

Sincerely,