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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments about the draft forest plan. I would like to address the issue of camping in Taylor Park. For many years camping has been going out of control in the area.. The size of vehicles and the amount of gear being brought into camp sites has been growing at a rapid pace. Often this "camping" looks like a small village! The forest has been damaged so extensively that it is alarming and requires immediate action.

I would like to praise the forest service for implementing camping restrictions in a small area of Taylor Park, namely around Tin Cup. The regrowth of foliage, the return of wildlife, and the reduction in litter all show the positive effects of the camping restriction. At a minimum, this camping restriction must be made permanent. However, I strongly suggest and request that the forest service EXTEND this camping restriction to a wider area as was originally proposed. The same results mentioned above are desperately needed in many other areas; in particular up to Mirror Lake and following Willow Creek toward Taylor Reservoir. It simply is not right to allow the forest to be degraded by some who wish to camp when instead the forest could be preserved for ALL to enjoy. Our children and their children are counting on us to preserve this amazing natural place.

Thank you.