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Comments: As you are aware, there has been an increasing amount of "free for all and rogue" camping along Cascade Lakes Highway with an increasing amount of illegal fires that are at times large and unattended. This has been confirmed by the Deschutes County Sheriff and observed by many.

We all know that most wildfires are human-caused including many within the Deschutes National Forest within the last year and prior years. This restriction on campfires along Cascade Lakes Highway is welcomed and of special importance, as it directly threatens 4 communities: Widgi Creek, Seventh Mountain, Milepost One and Points West. Some of these communities have limited emergency escape routes and a fast-moving fire will trap residents and death in addition to destruction will ensue.

We don't need a deadly Paradise Fire that can be prevented by establishing restrictions on campfires along Cascades Lakes Highway. If the Forest Service sees the need for establishing developed campgrounds towards the SnoParks that are managed and away from dense developments, that would be acceptable.

Brava to Holly Jewkes, the new Deschutes National Forest Supervisor, for demonstrating outstanding leadership on a problem that has grown and is currently out of control and a serious public safety threat.