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Comments: I am writing in support of the proposed Camping and Campfire Forest Order. It is vital that the sites listed in this order are protected both for the benefit of the environment and for those who desire to enjoy the natural environment.

In regard to the Cascade Lakes Highway Scenic Corridor, the scenic value of the corridor is greatly diminished by the number of campers parked very near the bike way. These campers congregate at the gate used by forest service personnel. Rather than being an area for everyone to enjoy its scenic beauty, it has become a de facto (and free) campground.

In this area in particular, it is important to consider the fire danger posed by dispersed camping. This area has experienced significant fires in the past. Given the long term dry conditions in the area, prohibiting campfires in the scenic corridor, particularly where there is no running water facilities risks both the forest and nearby populations. The number of vehicles driving in these areas also pose a risk of starting wildfires as well.

I would also ask that you consider the impact of allowing dispersed camping conditions with no running water on health conditions given the current covid 19 pandemic. In dispersed camping areas, the distance between camps is not much greater than at established campgrounds but lack basic hygiene amenities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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