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Comments: Dear Sasha Fertig,

I live in Widgi Creek. To say I'm appalled at what has developed across Century Drive in the Deschutes National Forest, is a huge understatement. Century Drive is a designated "Scenic Highway." When did RVs, tents, and homeless shelters become "scenic?"

As you enter the Deschutes National Forest, a sign reads, "Fire level - high/extreme, no campfires." Apparently, the campers and squatters haven't seen it, can't read it, or don't care. They have fires at night. We're told not to worry about a wildfire. The forest service did a controlled burn recently, thereby eliminating floor fuel material. Okay. But, they did not eliminate tree top foliage, and that is where a wildfire threatens our community. If a camper's fire gets caught in a sudden wind event and embers catch in the tree tops - look out!

While most RVs have self-contained water and sewage, the vast majority of vehicles and tent folks use the great outdoors. Or, our golf course bathrooms. Our group had to wait to tee off Thursday while people walked from the restroom across our fairway, across Century Drive and back to their whatever. Oh, and I didn't see anyone carrying their own soap, towel, or toilet tissue. Guess that's another freebee we should provide. No it's not!

Juniper Ridge is in the process of removing its enormous homeless community. Where will they regroup? Up Century Drive across from Widgi? Why not - you can bike or hitch a ride to and from town and there's water and toilet facilities right across the street.

Please Ms. Fertig, do whatever you can to speed up the review process and stop this insanity.

Thank you for your consideration and help with this critical issue.

Dave Black