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Comments: Dear Sasha Fertig:

I live in Widgi Creek and am very concerned with the increase in camping activity along Century Drive (a designated Scenic Highway). Not only are RV's and tents visible from the highway but one can see the same further back. I do not consider this to be scenic.

The availability of the bike path is an asset and very popular with not only bikers, but walkers, runners and families. The increase in camping activity could become safety issue. I, for one, would not be comfortable walking with small children.

My concerns are not only with the increase in RV camping but the tent camping and lack of sanitation facilities. Widgi Creek course should not be used as their restrooms.

I am also concerned about the increase in the homeless communities in Bend and would not like to see this area become a Juniper Ridge, China Hat or the new settlement along Revere.

I lived in Bend at the time of the Awbrey fire and the devastation that resulted. With the increase in development and the population increase along all of Century Drive an exodus in an emergency would be extremely difficult. I can't even imagine what would occur in the event of a fire.

Please do whatever you can to speed up the review and decision making. Too many lives and homes depend on a quick solution.

Thank you

Joyce Hapgood