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in recreation usage and patterns that has resulted from the Pandemic.

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Comments: I applaud the efforts to manage these forests. I especially support the prescribed burn and thinning proposals. If anything, these need to be stepped-up and continued on a continual, annual basis.

My main concern in this project is closing the Road End Campground and any campground at this point. In contrast, there needs to be an INCREASE in 'semi-developed' campsites. There has been a dramatic increase in use of the forests and dispersed camping in particular as a result from the Covid19 Pandemic. This use will remain high if not increase over the coming years. As a result, there needs to be an INCREASE in semi-developed campsites not a reduction. Increasing semi-developed campsites will draw the increased numbers of visitors to those locations, rather than ad hoc and dispersed locations. Campground locations better protect from fire and over-usage. The emphasis needs to be on semi-developed sites, those with on pit toilets, common well-water spigots, picnic tables and fire pits. The move toward "managed" and more developed campsites in some areas of the neighboring National Forests has only served to push more people into dispersed camping. The move toward decommissioning campgrounds has likewise had the untoward affect of pushing people to over-using ad hoc and dispersed camping sites. This is a trend that needs to be reversed, given the dramatic change