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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to support the continued moratorium on dispersed camping in the Tincup and Rainbow areas of Taylor Park. These restrictions should continue, as they contribute to several positive attributes for the local forest. These include fire mitigation, less trash litter and human waster, improved vegetation, improved water quality, and increased wildlife sightings. I have personally not found any smoldering or hot campfires, or significant litter, as I did before 2017 when the camping restrictions were established. I have also witnessed vegetative growth of native grasses in a dispersed camping area where heavy impact previously occurred. These native grasses have re-established themselves in this short time of no camping even in such a brittle environment. I also believe there has been a drastic decrease in "new ATV trails" being made off established Forest Service Roads. As a lifelong summer resident of Tincup, I believe that the dispersed camping restrictions have a tremendous positive impact on the local environment and should continue for everyone's benefit.

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