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Comments: * Please identify potential issues/concerns associated with the Pinnacles area

Many of the proposed "solutions" are restrictive management practices such as implementing a reservation system, restricting off-road travel and limiting the number of dispersed camping spots. BRC believes many of the concerns the Forest Service is looking to address can be solved with better management, rather than closures. Better signs, education and road management can alleviate issues while still allowing access for dispersed camping. Have more education on the "leave No Trace" program would be more beneficial than restrictive measures. Have check points where staff are to ensure that these basic principals are understood and signed off on...this would ensure that rules are followed and would still allow the public to disperse camp without the use of reservations. Reservations or designated spots defeats the purpose of dispersed camping. Many people enjoy the solitude and primitive experience of camping away from developed campgrounds and other campers.

* State what management options you support and those that you disagree with

I disagree with the following options

- * Tightening restrictions on off-road travel for dispersed camping
- * Designating a limited number of dispersed sites
- * Establishing a developed campground (consider Concessionaire)
- * Establishing a call-in reservation system
- * Developing a pass system

I agree with these options

Including interpretive/information kiosks as components of all action alternatives

- * Allowing dispersed camping on adjacent, closed spur-roads

I would have information centers of expected practices and stress leave no trace initiatives.

This is more of educated the public and those that use dispersed camping of expected practices...many get into this and have no idea of how they impact the environment this education is key.

* Usespecificexamplestoillustrateyourconcerns;offersolutions where possible

How to Pick a Campsite

If you are going to an area where others have camped before, pick a site that has been used before. Plants, soil and wildlife are impacted by new campsites so using existing ones will minimize your impact in the forest. If there is no existing campsite, then follow these Leave No Trace guidelines.

Camp on bare soil if possible, to avoid damage or killing plants and grass.

Do NOT camp within 100 feet of any water source, plants near water are especially fragile.

Do not camp in the middle of a clearing or meadow; try to make your campsite less visible so that other visitors will see a "wild" setting

Do not try to level or dig trenches in the ground at your campsite. Pick a tent site that is already level with good drainage.

Specific comments might address:

As far as the wild fire is concerned I would implement a practice that would ban all open fires, to my knowledge

this is expected on all BLM/national forest land. Fires are limited to contained fires or propane/butane etc

* How existing visitation rates influence your ability to use the area

When all other places are full it is nice knowing that all across the USA I can utilize dispersed camping, this if this is restricted it will impact all other campgrounds and national parks causing more of an issue within each park impacting wildlife/resources/campgrounds etc

* Management options needed to achieve sustainable recreation

Possible created marked areas however don't limit campsites. Possibly make a form gravel pads, reinforce roads that will eliminate rutted roads, set stone barriers or a form of natural barrier to keep drivers away from mud prone areas

* What types of changes are needed most

Education is key

Comments on the proposal are due March 28, 2022