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Comments: I am a lifelong Colorado resident, and avid outdoor recreation enthusiast. Judging by the high demand and overwhelming campground populations, I am in the company of many others who also cherish Colorado's (once) vast opportunities for vehicle dispersed camping. While there are outliers, I have found the majority of my fellow campers to be responsible and respectful recreators.

It is impossible to ignore our beloved state's rapid population growth over the past decade but I believe the solution for continued collaborative use of our forests should be approached with more creativity and promote increased responsible use, as opposed to knee jerk reactions that deprive responsible campers of nature and which would inevitably cause unintended second order effects.

As many commenters have already stated: closures will limit options for all compliant campers and create scarcity which only further pressures already crowded "authorized" areas.
And that's just those who are compliant.

The answer to excessive demand is not to create additional scarcity. Do we want to promote a "black market" camping culture?

I believe this decision would further perpetuate rogue dispersed campsites, most-likely in difficult to access areas, and possibly creating an increased, and perilous risk for wild land fires and clandestine property damage.

And how might the Forest Service answer that? Closure of all forest service and 4x4 trails?

Only in the wildest dreams of a select few zealots would this be an agreeable compromise.

The answer seems obvious to me: Open more land to dispersed camping, especially camping in easily managed, and accessible areas such as the region in question, which is a favorite for at least 2 large metropolitan areas on the front range.

Any closure would further complicate an already difficult land management situation, and would inevitably become a regrettable death sentence to responsible Colorado camping culture.