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Comments: This project and associated improvements have been greatly needed for some time. We often camp with our travel trailer on the Shavano ridge while our house is rented down in the valley. Over the last 3+ years it's become a bit of a free-for-all situation. The abuse of the area and rules has become increasingly concerning - dog & human waste, "campers" living in the area, chopping down Pinons for wood, etc..

Several suggestions come to mind:

- Establish volunteer "Ambassadors" for each dispersed area to monitor and report any violations. With resource constraints, it's probably impossible to monitor such large areas so this extends the Forest Service's eyes and ears... like a neighborhood watch. We would be happy to volunteer for both the Shavano and Browns Falls areas.
- Create better signage at the entrance to these dispersed areas with rules & regulations. A "billboard-like" sign like is normally found at trailheads should be available.
- Provide garbage receptacles at the entrance and provide "green bags" for waste with instructions - for tent campers.

We want to see these beautiful and relatively remote areas preserved for generations. Glad to be contacted for further discussion.