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Comments: As a home owner in the Alpine Townsite in Chalk Creek Canyon, I highly object to additional camping being allowed along CR162. Such capping would bring significant risk of wildfires in the area. As we all can see the forest has been affected by tree disease resulting in ever increasing dead timber in the canyon. This could have devastating results in the event of a careless campfire. Expecting forestry personnel to police the areas effectively is beyond optimistic with staffing always the driver. Local residents have been trying to do this in past years with little effect.

With a single road into the canyon, a fire in the lower part of the canyon would also trap other visitors or residents higher up.

If additional camping is the goal, why not increase capacity at the existing campgrounds where more control can be administered?