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Dear Leadville District Ranger:

Living in Leadville I often have visiting friends who stay at the house for a day and camp for a day or two. Every time they come back they can't get over how wonderful and beautiful the area is and love how easy it is to find a place last minute. If locations are closed it takes away such a valuable resource. I understand in the past few years a few bad apples have disrespected the land leaving behind a mess at sites, but this can't be the solution. If locations are closed and people are restricted to small areas, the open areas will become overcrowded and it will lose the entire point of dispersed camping. Don't get me started on the reservation system for the sites around the turquoise lake. That's another story.

Leadville is slowly transitioning from a mining town to a recreation destination. If camping is closed this will impact all local businesses. restaurants, clothing shops, bike/ski shops you name it. Closure is not going to help!

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Sincerely,

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