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Comments: This letter concerns our opposition to USFS Project 60591 re camping proposal on 162 and 292.

My husband and I have owned the Alpine lake property since 1964. We have seen many changes. Width of 162 and 292 has not changed. Traffic has increased monumentally..

We are concerned about continued increase in potential fire danger and vehicle traffic along route 162 and 292 A,B,andC through our community. As a result, we have seen increased illegal campers, and illegal fire pits along 162, 292 to Iron City and at the west end of the lake. Beyond the lake is four wheel drive to the Iron City campground.
Allowing additional parking of campers, trailers, and cars along narrow 162 could result in bottlenecks and impede traffic for our community.

There is very little coverage by local and federal agencies. We used to see forest officials patrol daily. St. Elmo had a forest service station and housing near the present St. Elmo campground and coverage by them was excellent. That closed years ago. After that "Ranger Bob" came by daily. Now we seldom see them patrolling --we like what you do but need more coverage.

Along with homeowner surveillance and vigilance we rely on telephone coverage for help with violators--resulting in long wait times for requested help.

Bottom line is we live in constant fear due to lack of access in this area where there is only one way in and one way out. Safety is important to us and our St. Elmo neighbors
Extending camping privileges doesn't solve anything. Allowing more parking of campers, trailers and cars along narrow 162 and 292 could cause bottlenecks or halt traffic.
To protect our safety (and that of our abundant wildlife) 162 and 292 need to be removed from the USFS 60591 map.

As a long time Alpine homeowner, we appreciate your careful consideration.

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