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Comments: Dispersed camping is not allowed today along CR 262 or CR292, parallel to Chalk Creek. Any consideration of adding dispersed camping would place the residents and FS campground visitors at risk given the VERY limited emergency access along these County roads. This area has experienced flash floods and is in a higher risk area for wildfires. Additionally, the area hosts numerous day use visitors already and there is already minimal oversight of federal land. Additionally, dispersed camping along Chalk Creek would not follow leave no trace best practices as most access is not permitting >100ft of buffer from the creek, roads, trails, etc. Watershed protection should also be considered, dispersed camping in this area would result in more aggressive stream bank erosion.

As a tax paying home owner in Alpine, I am greatly concerned by any consideration of adding dispersed camping in this area. That said federally managed campgrounds are a wonderful substitute and there are already four up Chalk Creek.