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I am a person who loves to recreate outdoors, and I hate to see dispersed camping closed. That said, there is only so much space, and in those areas where masses of people are essentially camping one on top of another, something must be done.

So, in those instances, I support creating as many dispersed camping spots as possible, and where possible, create campgrounds to hopefully alleviate some of pressure on the dispersed camping (not everyone prefers dry camping).

I do not know where this business of dispersed campsites must be within 1 vehicle length of the road, its certainly not a new concept because I've seen it elsewhere, but I think it is a ridiculous 'rule'.

Ask yourself...would YOU wanna camp right next to a road? Have any children? I strongly suggest that this aspect of your 'rules' be eliminated for, not only safety, but because of how limiting it is. You've identified that there are not enough dispersed campsites...but likely alot of them that exist are not within said 1 vehicle length of the road! So if you impose that 'rule' more will be closed...and in my opinion, the ones back off the road a ways, sometimes even out of sight of the road are the absolute best sites. So, those all should be preserved and if there are any other possible sites back off the road that aren't already being used (unlikely if the pressures are high on an area) I suggest you create new dispersed camping spots.

Being able to get out and enjoy our public lands is very important to alot of us. Its who we are! We need the maximum ability to be able to do so. I've seen some comments that advocate eliminating dispersed camping...those comments must be either from someone who a) doesn't camp; or b) prefers to camp in a campground.

Personally, I much prefer dispersed camping to campground camping. I'm not out there to listen to loud music from others, screaming kids, loud parties well into the night, etc. All things that often take place in campgrounds (and dispersed sites too but hopefully far enough away that they aren't bothersome.

Something else that needs to be done...that is have more porta potties....or mandate that campers have their own toilet. Wag bags work great and can save our camping areas from becoming unsanitary messes....which unfortunately is becoming too common.

Lastly, of course the rules need to be enforced.

Thank you for considering my comments.