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Comments: The following impacts need to be considered in this proposal:

*Vehicle based designated camping will inevitably cause a dramatic increase in dispersed camping in areas not included in the plan. Word of mouth of these areas still in the "free for all" mode will spread like wildlife. The Forest Service needs to have increased personnel to deal with this and include these areas in this plan. This includes any area near a 14er including the 391 Road near La Plata Peak Trail, areas along Highway 82, all of Lodgepole Flats, areas west of the Mt. Massive Trailhead on the Halfmoon Road, Hagerman Pass/FS Road 105, and FS Road 125.B adjacent to designated dispersed camping and the South Elbert Trail. If these areas are not included in this plan, they will inevitably become the "overflow" for displaced campers and see the impacts of dispersed camping that this very plan seeks to mitigate.

*The Forest Service should enforce its existing camping closure on the east side of Twin Lakes.

*Camping is not allowed within 100 feet of Halfmoon Creek; however, the Forest Service has two campgrounds with campsites within this buffer zone. These sites need to be closed if the Forest Service is to follow the regulations it currently has in place.

*The public is not in favor of concessionaries running its campgrounds and certainly does not want them to operate or any new campgrounds or designated dispersed sites. If the agency is to construct new campgrounds, the Forest Service should operate these sites. Forest Service operated campgrounds charge less than private concessionaries, usually less than half that a concessionaire charges, and therefore provides more equitable access.

*The plans call for a campground at the Numbers location. This is known winter habitat for elk whose numbers are in decline, largely because of a loss of wintering grounds. This campground needs to be removed from this plan.

*The new campgrounds on the Salida Ranger District show a greater buffer between them and vehicle based dispersed camping while new campgrounds on the Leadville Ranger District provide little to no buffer. This buffer should also be applied on the Leadville Ranger District.

*The Forest Service needs to ensure sufficient personnel to enact and enforce this plan or else it will be a wasted effort.