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Comments: I recreate on public lands and believe it is important to have continued access to do so. I am writing regarding the Pinnacles Dispersed Recreation Project. I believe, free and primitive camping provides a valuable experience on public lands and needs to be highly valued and protected as it provides both physical and mental health benefits. I worry that designating 70 campsites will put the Forest Service in a box that will not accommodate future use as camping on public lands is increasing every year. I believe the other management strategies proposed such as fencing and better signs need to be implemented before any type of restrictions are enacted. The alternatives developed need to represent and analyze a broad scope of management solutions. There needs to be an alternative that analyzes increased dispersed camping opportunities with management solutions such as additional bathrooms and facilities. This is a location that has grown in popularity, and closing or restricting overnight use and campsites is a blatant disregard to the public's wants and needs. Current visitation numbers, documentation of user conflict, and other applicable data should be available to the public to submit thorough and thoughtful comments. Only allowing camping in the designated sites within restricts many opportunities. Designated campsites and concentration camping greatly hinder the outdoor recreation experience. Although some may prefer a designated campsite, I believe all users should be able to have the opportunity to find a remote place to camp in order to connect with nature. The physical and mental benefits of outdoor recreation is crucial to providing a healthy society. The USFS must do all in its power to protect these opportunities for users. The Forest Service must also consider how this will affect local economies. Outdoor recreation has grown tremendously in the past few years and looks to continue to increase in popularity. Restricting access will affect local communities ability to maximize the economic benefits. This will hinder businesses that rely on this income and there needs to be an alternative that more thoroughly addresses this concern.