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Comments: Please ensure houselessness / homelessness issues are considered and addressed within the appropriate sections of the plan. It's a rapidly growing issue and may require resources from other agencies to adequately and respectfully address. Particularly in USFS managed public lands near towns, the people are making permanent camps that impact the publics' ability to recreate in those areas. There are many factors that lead to long term encampments. These public land areas endure overuse and can be quite unsanitary that affect wildlife, vegetation and people who find themselves camping where this has recently occurred. There are also a wildfire and general safety concerns closely associated with these issues. Multiple agencies may need to be involved to source affordable housing, programs and remedies to help the people and restore the land. However, USFS needs to be able to ensure people and their property don't overstay 14 day limits to best utilize these amazing resources these public lands provide for the public at large now and for future generations.