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Comments: To Whom it may Concern,

I wish to object to the proposed forest plan amendment regarding camping regulations at Hoosier National Forest. Forest Supervisor Michael Chaveas is the responsible official. I object to the proposal it its entirety.

My objection is that by removing camping regulations from the Forest Plan and implementing them as Forest Orders, you will remove all mechanisms for public comment and objection to future camping regulations. Given that the National Forests are public lands, funded with public monies, the public has every right to provide input on their administration.

While the Forest Service certainly needs camping regulations to properly protect the public lands, those regulations could continue to be implemented in the Forest Plan, which would allow for public oversight without any undue hardship for the Forest Service.

Current camping regulations, vigorously enforced, would more than suffice to protect the public lands while still providing public oversight of Forest Service rule-making.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Hoel