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Comments: I generally support the goals of improving ecological conditions, enhancing recreational opportunities, and maintaining access to valuable resources as presented by the CARLA scoping letter. I therefore believe the CARLA (and thus the required Environmental Assessment) should also include an additional campground location excluded from the present document. Demand for campsites in the area is already very high, and a dispersed camping ban along FSR 78 would significantly increase that need. While I am not generally opposed to the ban, the existing development options as presented are insufficient.

I request that the CARLA incorporate the option of a small campground south of FSR 78 near the FSR 7810 bridge. While this location would be accessed closer (0.13 miles) to the bridge than the start of the proposed road relocation (0.8 miles), it is not an insignificant buffer for road washouts. It also avoids the dependence on the FSR 7810 bridge that the Coplay Lake development proposal requires. And though there may be sections of this land that have water issues, a good portion of it is above the current floodplain of the Carbon River. A smaller version of the campground may also be feasible if the road is relocated, and given the close proximity of the campground to the road, the additional environmental analysis required would be minimal.

Even though a campground in this location may eventually prove to be undesirable, such is the case for many of the proposals in the CARLA, and it is definitely more practical than the proposed road relocation (which would include tremendous construction costs including right-of-way or land acquisition). The potential benefits of evaluating the campground in the CARLA and its Environmental Assessment are substantial with very minor additional effort, and it should therefore be included.