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There are thousands of reasons, large and small, that make a park in Sweetwater a horrible idea.

There is one reason that trumps all others as to why this cannot happen. This is a matter of life and death.

Do you know what it's like to load up your family, pets, livelihood, and livestock IN THE DARK to run from a wildfire that's moving as fast as a jogger towards you? It is absolutely terrifying. It took us all night. Many of us make our living up here, so losing everything in a fire started by a camper would be on you if you make this a park. This is a matter of life and death. You won't ever know because you don't live here in this box canyon with us. There is one way in, and one way out. Putting a park here would be extremely selfish. This is a matter of life and death, just not yours or your loved ones.

Then why should you be the ones to decide that a state park is worth more than us? Is it? Think about it like this. If there is a fire up here caused by a camper in an RV who stays here for one night it would be tragic. So many people and animals could burn alive because somebody thinks this is a good idea. Could you live with yourself if people here die because you want another park? Aren't there enough parks that don't endanger lives? This is seriously a matter of life and death.

When this whole process started the fire danger wasn't so high. That has now changed!!!!! The last thing we need are more fires up here!!! This is a matter of life and death. So put yourselves in our boots and think about how well you'd sleep if YOUR entire family was in danger so others could recreate. Entire families have protected this valley for several generations. They all live here... entire families. Generations of families in one valley with one road.

This really is a matter of life and death. Have you seen the news? There is fire everywhere. Please don't risk our lives for a park. It's not fair to us and the brave people who risk their lives to fight fire. They are spread too thin already.