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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed campground changes requiring camping in designated areas only, eliminating the intermediate dispersed camping that currently exists. If I have this correct it is Project 60591. If I understand correctly, this would create a new campground in an area that currently is open to intermediate dispersed camping located west of the Cottonwood Lake camp ground. I own 7 acres of land just on the south side of county road 344. It begins near the west end of the existing camp ground. So these changes affect our property as well. We have owned this land for over 30 years and enjoy and appreciate this area. The space you are considering for a camp ground has been over used for many years and on a holiday weekend it is like a small city with no utilities like a restroom. So we applaud your decision to bring this area to a reasonable camping space for campers. However, we and the other landowners in that area feel that doing this will push more campers onto our lands. We already have to confront campers who attempt to camp on our property, which at times becomes an antagonist confrontation. We would like your planning department to consider eliminating intermediate dispersed camping from the area west of the existing Cottonwood Lake Campground to Road 344C. There already is no camping allowed on the south side of 344C along this area and huge boulders have been placed there to stop campers. The land we own is on the south side of 334 and a bit further west there is private land, 20 acres on the north side of 344C. In addition, there are two cabins on forest lease agreements in this area. Campers are continually trespassing onto this land causing numerous encounters between campers and the landowners. In addition, the campers leave behind trash and human waste on our land. Our request is that you please consider prohibiting camping on the north side of CR344 from the existing Cottonwood Lake Campground to CR344C a distance of approximately one half mile. This would maintain the quality of Cottonwood Lake Campground, eliminate confrontations with land owners and maintain the quality of the forest for the public. Please let me know you received this and I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you or meet with you at your convenience. And if meeting at the site would be beneficial, I would welcome that opportunity also. Thank you. Gayle and Sharon Zonnefeld