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Comments: We are facing the threat of over commercialization of a very small area in the Stanislaus National Forest. The Pinecrest community is essentially one small neighborhood and bringing in more stores, restaurants and lodges would negatively impact what's left of this beloved natural location.

Pinecrest sadly is being "loved to death" with an unresolved unlimited visitation problem. There is no plan to address the unrestricted occupation of Pinecrest in the peak seasons or to provide a safe evacuation for these thousands of visitors from wildfires. Introducing more businesses will certainly bring more visitors and increase this risk.

Traffic and crowds. On peak days and seasons, Dodgeridge Road is already made unsafe by illegal parking along the road. Pedestrians are crossing from Meadowview and LAIR are at risk.

To secure a spot for their cars sensitive areas are being disregarded and driven over. Cars are parking in meadows, watershed, and unpaved areas causing severe ecological damage.

Given the seasonal crowding of Pinecrest, any loss of overflow parking for Meadowview Campgrounds, beach visitors, and hikers is a concern.

The lot at this location is frequently full. Currently, beach visitors leave their cars all day in the resort lot so there is no parking or access for the Pinecrest Store, Sport Shop, or post office. In the meantime, there's no real progress to resolve the mass volume of traffic. Just like Yosemite National Park, all Pinecrest parking is often gone by 9am and no one is turned away. Any net loss of general parking will have consequences.

We are constantly reminded how limited our water and infrastructure is so adding more commercial businesses without spending for system improvements doesn't make sense. Add to that limited sewer treatment that is near capacity. Due to the loss of Forest Service staffing, we pick up bags of up trash daily on trails, the beach and in our neighborhoods. Until we have a plan to handle the added trash from more commercial businesses, this expansion will only add to the garbage.

Let's address solutions for these basic issues before we stuff more commercialization into the Pinecrest community and ruin its unique character and beauty.