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Comments: am writing to express my support for the Pinecrest Community Center Forest Plan Amendment and Special Use Permit.

I lived in Pinecrest for over 15 years and, during that time, I observed the basin and this specific area functioning year-round across a wide range of seasonal conditions. Based on that long-term familiarity, I do not believe this project would be a detriment to the area in any way.

In my experience, the proposed project would not negatively impact safety or contribute to congestion. Most visitors to this specific area travel on foot, typically from nearby campsites, cabins, or established destinations like the Lair, so this project would not introduce meaningful new vehicle traffic or parking demand.

Having a community center that serves as a shared event space would be a meaningful asset to the basin, creating a central gathering place for visitors and organized activities. In addition, the proposed group accommodations fill an important gap by offering simple, no-frills lodging-an upgrade from camping, but more affordable than existing hotel, cabin, or condominium options. This type of lodging would also serve backpackers and could attract hikers from the Pacific Crest Trail into the basin, further supporting responsible recreation in the area.

Rather than causing harm, I believe this project would expand choices for visitors to the basin and enhance the overall experience for those already spending time in the area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for your consideration of this comment.