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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the proposed Pinecrest Basin Management Direction - Community Center project and related Forest Plan Amendment. Pinecrest is valued for its natural setting, outdoor recreation, and small mountain-town atmosphere. Expanding commercial activity in the Basin risks changing the character of the area and moving it toward a more crowded and developed destination.

Pinecrest already experiences heavy traffic, parking shortages, overcrowding, and strain on infrastructure during busy seasons. Even the Environmental Assessment acknowledges concerns related to congestion, safety, and visitor experience. Adding more lodging and commercial activity in an already impacted area does not seem appropriate.

I am also concerned about the precedent this proposal could create. Changing long-standing management direction to allow expanded commercial use may encourage additional development pressure in the future. In my view, National Forest land should remain focused on recreation, natural scenery, and preserving the character of the forest rather than increased commercialization where similar services already exist nearby.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Forest Service to reconsider or deny this proposal and conduct further review of the long-term impacts to Pinecrest and the surrounding Basin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Kelsay