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Comments: I am writing to strongly urge the denial of the proposed Special Use Permit changes to the Pinecrest Community Center zoning.

My family has owned a cabin in Pinecrest for three generations, and I have been coming here for more than 64 years. Pinecrest is part of my family's history, and it is heartbreaking to watch it become increasingly overcrowded, unsafe, and damaged.

The Pinecrest Basin is already under severe strain. There are not enough law enforcement resources to manage the crowds, evacuation is a serious concern, emergency response is stretched, the sewer system is burdened, garbage is increasing, and the National Forest is being damaged by overuse and trampling. These are clear signs that this area is already beyond what it can safely support.

Just as troubling, there does not appear to be thorough documentation showing how these proposed changes would affect emergency services and public safety. It is reckless to approve greater use without clear evidence that the infrastructure and emergency systems can handle it.

Pinecrest should be protected, not pushed further toward irreversible harm. The USDA Forest Service's mission is to care for the land and serve people. Granting this change would do neither.

I want my children, grandchildren, and future generations to experience the beauty, peace, and natural wonder of Pinecrest-not a place diminished by overcrowding, damage, and poor planning.

Please do not allow that to happen. I strongly urge you to deny the proposed Special Use Permit changes.