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Sir:

I generally agree with your proposed new restrictions for camping on CONF lands. However, I believe it should actually be 7 days within any 30 days period instead of 14 days.

On a quick review, I could not find a requirement for a permit for dispersed camping so I'm unsure how you enforce the time limit for camping. So it is my belief that it would still be easy for someone to "stretch" their stay to 15 or 16 days. Therefore, if they established camp on a Saturday, they could still tie up a campsite for 3 consecutive weekends and have the appearance of complying with the regulation.

If you feel this would be too restrictive for a year around regulation, then I suggest another section be added to your proposal giving the Forest Supervisor the discretion to impose 7 day limit for a 3 month time period during time of necessity, such as peak camping season.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Terry McKnight