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Comments: Dear Andy Welch, Acting District Ranger,

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This letter is regarding the Pinecrest Community Center proposal, which includes a Forest Plan Amendment and Special Use Permit.

The Pinecrest Permittee Association (PPA) takes issue with the Forest Service findings of no significant impact on the Environmental Assessment of the Forest Plan Amendment and Special Use Permit. The Forest Service's finding mentions, "Higher demand on utilities and infrastructure such as water supply, wastewater systems, and solid waste management," but without an engineering study, we have no idea how much higher that demand may be and how it might impact our facilities.

PPA's policy states if there is a change in the use permit and/or is a substantial or material change in operation it needs to be accompanied by an engineering review paid for by the applicant to properly assess the impact on the PPA water and sewer systems. Our current hook ups to the Community Center are based upon a typical recreational residence. As they have requested a transition to a commercial entity, and not knowing what future plans they might have, PPA needs a clear understanding of the changes in input and output.

PPA and Cabin owners are also concerned about the added traffic and parking being added to the Pinecrest Basin that is already impacting the area. Safety and the ability for our fire and rescue responders to have access in and around the Pinecrest Basin. And how is the Forest Service going to mitigate an already unmanageable situation?

Sincerely,

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Chris Barth President

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