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I am submitting this formal comment and objection letter regarding the “Pinecrest Basin Management Direction–Community Center: Forest Plan Amendment and Special Use Permit (#689965), Environmental Assessment, and Finding of No Significant Impact.”

I am deeply concerned that the Environmental Assessment inaccurately lists me and/or my business under the section titled “Agencies and Persons Consulted.” Neither I nor my business were consulted regarding this proposal, nor do we support or endorse it. I am deeply concerned that the Environmental Assessment inaccurately lists me and/or my business under the section titled “Agencies and Persons Consulted.” Neither I nor my business were consulted regarding this proposal, nor do we support or endorse it.

I believe this proposal would create direct economic and competitive impacts on the existing businesses currently serving the Pinecrest Basin. The Environmental Assessment itself acknowledges that increased competition could negatively affect revenues for established businesses.

The Pinecrest Community Center now operates as a coffee shop, event space, lodging, retail sales and charging for parking.

This facility which by Forest Service Zoning does not allow any commercial service.

I don’t understand how they have been operating for over a year with no repercussion. It seems as though they are knowingly operating business fully aware that their permit does not allow it. I am not sure why this has not been enforced.

My biggest concerns are safety, traffic, and the long-term protection of the area. Pinecrest already experiences major congestion, limited parking, and overcrowding during peak seasons, creating strain on roads, parking areas, and overall visitor experience. The proposal’s own Environmental Assessment acknowledges potential increases in traffic, parking demand, congestion, infrastructure strain, and cumulative commercial impacts. Bringing more commercial activity into the Basin will likely worsen these existing issues.

I respectfully ask that the Forest Service deny this proposal or require a more comprehensive review that places greater emphasis on protecting Pinecrest’s environment, infrastructure capacity, and long-term character.

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