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Mendocino County Planning Commission

Re. Legal overnight camping

I've just become aware of your plan of legal overnight camping. The information I received is not enough. Will these campsites be monitored by a person who is staying there? Will accommodations be made in the form of bathrooms and large trash bins? Will there be someone to maintain these things?

As a person who travels with a recreational vehicle, I've seen what happens to areas where people have decided to stop and stay for a while. If they are tenting, the entire outdoors is their bathroom. Often the area is littered with trash they have failed to pick up. Of course, this isn't everyone, but it only takes a couple of people. With camping comes fire danger. Not everyone is aware of the laws regarding fire.

There is also the insurance issue. In this time of hard-to-get insurance for homes and property, we are lucky to find a company to cover our house and property. I'm not interested in adding a new difficulty that would bring our bill up even higher or getting canceled entirely.

Please don't let this happen. People on the road should plan accordingly and make plans so they can reach the many campgrounds that are already in existence.

Sincerely,  
Bill and Kathleen Gibney