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Subject: Commercial low density camping
Date: Fri, 9 Aug 2024 09:09:30 -0700
From: Michael Ross <mross@mcn.org>
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I oppose the proposal to allow commercial low density camping throughout Mendocino county. If this is enacted, it will be to the detriment of all residents and the environment. There is no feasible way to enforce or police the proposed limit of 10 'camp' sites; 3 'campers'; and limited duration of stay. There is also no possible way to enforce the requirement for sanitary facilities (i.e. portable, rented outhouses). Allowing trailers and motor homes is in practice giving the green light for anyone to have to a mini trailer park.

Of course some who would have low density camping are responsible and considerate and would manage their enterprise responsibly, there are many who would not. These latter -- and there are many -- would only be interested in collecting camping fees. It's a certainty there would be little or no screening of 'campers'. With profit as a motive, it's also a certainty the requirement for proper sanitation would be ignored. At best, a hole in the ground would substitute and at worst, the nearby woods or a convenient stream will be used.

The practical result is that we will have distributed throughout the county many poorly managed trailer parks. With no practical way to enforce the time limit on length of stay, many of the 'campers' will become long term residents. As this becomes widely known, we can look forward to an influx of large numbers of undesirables -- drug people, drunks, general degenerates as well as hard core criminal types. This is NOT should be encouraged!

Please do not allow this.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Ross