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I'm writing to express my concern about Hip Camps. We live up Caspar Little Lake Rd. In Mendocino (aka Road 409) just before the Horse Trail in the State Forest. We have Air BnBs nearby, that are done respectfully. They do not have firepits or open camping. The he Hip Camps, on thr other hand, honestly scare me due to the possibility of fire, additional pollution and the over use of water from the aquifer.

One of these camps backs up, as do we, to the State Forest trail that goes to the ocean. On recent walks, we have found human excrement and toilet paper near the Hip Camp location.

Other neighbors have complained that the city folks rush down the private roads to hurry up and relax.

We have just gotten past all the illegal grow sites and dangerous people hanging around the countryside.

We are tenants in common with another owner. We each have 5 acres on a 10 acres lot. The regulations are strict and we are not allowed to separate our property into two parcels. Our home owners insurance, as you know, keeps increasing. Road repair is our responsibility and comes at great cost.

Finally, I am very concerned about fire. All it takes is one spark and the Pygmy will ignite. Please ensure that strict regulations are in place before any Hip Camps are permitted. Our firefighters are also asking that you not approve these camps. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Regards,  
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