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Dear Commissioners,

I wish to express my opposition to the 'Low Impact camping'-both a misnomer and an ill-conceived proposal.

Intending to support some rural property owners, it opens up many rural neighborhoods and the residents within, to major impacts.

In addition, it provides no real administrative or financial teeth that secures adherence to the new allowable camping practices.

Are our Mendocino County services, currently stretched thin at best, able to provide fire supervision, and/or protection if-when a threat arises?

No.

Are our well-traveled and rutted roads-public and private, able to bear the weight of increased visitation to rural neighborhoods?

Who will bear the financial burden of repair?

What of our known limited water resources-in particular, the private wells on which rural parcels depend? How will legislating- therefore sanctioning, 'Camp' parcels to an increased water usage, affect neighboring parcels-their well production for ongoing daily use, as well as a surge in water need in fire season?

We cannot as a county quickly slap together *fixes* for one segment of our landholders,(and the land on which they reside), while we disregard the overall impact on the rest of the county. Planning is both the BIG view and the microscopic, short term and long range. The proposal does not serve the 'common good'. I urge the Planning Commission to deny its implementation?

Respectfully,

Julie Rumble