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I have only one question for the Commission regarding the proposal to allow rural transient camp sites: Why is this proposal even being considered? What benefit accrues to the County that wouldn't be far more offset by cost? An issue as serious as allowing commercial camping on nearly every rural parcel in the county should be voted on, not foisted on the citizens of the County simply because a few interested and/or related souls believe it will bring in more transient tax funds, or perhaps personal income. This ill-conceived and certainly indefensible proposal will negatively impact EVERY single property owner in the County, both personally and financially, whether they live next to a parcel that's allowed to have camp sites or not. Advertise the proposal, speak to it's assumed benefits, if there are any, and put it up for a vote!

Just the damage to roads and heightened need for police and fire protection will add significant cost to the County, far more than any collected transient taxes would pay. The noise from campers, camper vehicles, and camper generators will destroy the peace and quiet that drew many of us to Mendocino County. Garbage and sewage will harm our streams and wildlife. But the greatest cost will result from FIRE. Make no mistake, fires caused by campers, intentionally or otherwise, will be devastating and extremely costly. California and Mendocino County have already been heavily impacted by large wild land fires; we all have either witnessed one or have read about them. Opening up remote, difficult to access areas to fire danger in a world threatened by a changing climate is ... well ... insane. The only possible reason for County Supervisors or commission members to pass this proposal in any form, is either political or for personal gain, either one of which leaves the County liable for any costs that individuals and businesses may incur. The County is supposed to consider the safety of it's citizens, which this proposal ignores. Passing this proposal will leave the County open to very expensive lawsuits. As a last thought, I would suggest the supervisors and members recall and very strongly consider the recent fire in Anderson Valley as well as the very devastating and costly fire that destroyed Paradise, CA in 2018. That fire, known as the Camp Fire, caused 85 fatalities, displaced more than 50,000 people, and destroyed more than 18,000 structures, causing an estimated \$16.5 billion in damage. The Camp Fire was just one among many that have occurred throughout the state. Why would Mendocino County subject it's citizenry, wildlife, environment and future to that kind of possibility?

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