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Mendocino County Planning Department

Re:

Dear Mendocino County Planning ,

I am writing to express my support for low-impact camping on private property within Mendocino County. As more people seek sustainable and nature-focused travel options, allowing responsible, low-impact camping on private lands would be an excellent opportunity to boost local tourism while respecting our environment.

Low-impact camping, when properly managed, can benefit Mendocino County by fostering a more eco-friendly tourism model that aligns with our community's values. Not only would it help local landowners diversify their income, but it would also promote a greater appreciation for the natural beauty of our region. With guidelines in place for waste management, noise control, and conservation practices, this type of camping could coexist harmoniously with the surrounding environment.

It is important that any regulations not be so cumbersome that a landowner cannot afford to offer a camping spot. This would defeat the very purpose of allowing others to come visit the county and provide a small income to local land owners. Low impact can be self contained trailers or vehicles that have their own sanitation, power and water. Recent California legislation is listing the availability of a property manager be available by phone 24/7. For small sites with less than 4 campsites this regulation would make good sense.

It has been very expensive to build new homes these days. Local homes that are rented as short term rentals takes away from the local housing inventory. Allowing camping will bring in tourism dollars while not taking away housing needs.

I urge the Planning Department to consider flexible policies that enable low-impact camping in a way that supports our local economy and protects our beautiful landscapes. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

Jean Bordin