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Subject: Lava Butte Campground Construction

RE: proposal to construct a new campground in the Tenmile Overflow (Lava Butte) area of the Hume Lake Ranger District, in Giant Sequoia National Monument/Sequoia National Forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Lava Butte Campground Construction project.

The Forest Service should analyze the impacts of the Lava Butte Campground Construction proposal in an EIS for the watershed, noise, Archeological, wildlife, and forest ecosystem impacts, as well as the impacts to the climate crisis and other issues stated below.

The Lava Butte CG proposal is:

- 1) putting in a new well, so there would be a cone of depression in close proximity to the Ten Mile Grove that could stress the Sequoias and surrounding trees with two campgrounds with hardscaping (roads, buildings, and other impediments to water percolation) at Forest road 13S09.
- 2) they should close the user-created OHV routes near the area
- 3) What is the Native American and Archeological history? Is this a lava area with high minerals, which has three peaks on the map that say Lava Butte that have been used by native Americans?

- 4) There are Spotted Owls in the area
- 5) This should be done by an EIS for the Archeological and wildlife impacts.
- 6) providing greater access to humans will cause greater mortality to the endangered Pacific fisher population from impacts with vehicles and greater incidents of human-caused wildfires.
- 7) If this area would be managed by a concessionaire, USFS Senior Passes will not be honored. So that impact should be analyzed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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