

TITLE: Bicycle/Hiking Camping

SUBJECT:

As most of you have heard or read, there is a desire on the part of the bicycle riding community to have camping more accessible to small groups of riders. As they point out, bicyclist sometimes ride cross-country and plan to camp at our properties. When they arrive and the campground is full, they are faced with the dilemma of having to ride a long distance to another location. If it is late, they have a very difficult time locating another place to camp.

What makes this group different from other groups we may turn away is the fact that they are not in motorized transportation and thus, their mobility and options are limited in traveling to an alternate location. One can argue that they are no different than other users and should plan ahead, except other users have motorized transportation.

What they desire is a change in policy which will allow small groups of individuals to camp in our properties when they may be already full (if other camping facilities are located nearby, then they would be directed toward those areas).

What they are asking is that we allow them to utilize youth tent areas or other remote or lightly used facilities for one night only. They would be required to leave that area the next morning. They would not be allowed to use showers if other groups using primitive facilities were also denied privileges

By this letter, *we are authorizing you to use your best judgment during these types of situations* and, when appropriate, allow these small groups of bicyclists to utilize areas not normally used as campsites when the campground is already full. They can be denied campground showers if you feel that is appropriate. This procedure can also be applied to a small group of hikers.

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