



PINECREST PERMITTEES ASSOCIATION

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District Ranger Molly Fuller
Summit Ranger District
Stanislaus National Forest
1 Pinecrest Road
Pinecrest, CA 95364

Dear Molly;

At the August 29th Pinecrest Permitees Association Board meeting the living trees growing within a short segment of Lakeshore Drive was discussed. We understand that the Forest Service is planning to remove these trees in the near future as a part of the Traffic, Circulation & Parking Plan.

We are sure there are arguments in favor of completing the tree removal but we have not heard them. We urge the Forest Service to proceed with caution & consider a more inclusive public process prior to removing the trees. You have already established a very strong advisory group for finalizing the Traffic, Circulation & Parking Plan. We hope you will utilize this group to review this topic.

The Permitees have a strong vested interest in the health and beauty of the basin and hope for a preservation of trees, even in the roadways. Tree removal should be a 'last resort' when strong arguments persist. Without the evidence of strong arguments, we request the retention of these trees.

In addition to being a unique road feature they provide lane separation and traffic calming. Longtime visitors & residents point out that these trees have been there for well over 50 years and contribute to the ambiance of Pinecrest. Abrupt removal would probably not be well received by Permitees and visitors alike.

The Board requests that the Forest Service takes no premature action to remove these trees from the Lakeshore Drive. If your resolve persists it should be with good cause. Please provide that good cause to the committee, and subsequently to your Permitees.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Tim Fisher, President
Pinecrest Permitees Association.