

From: [gerald thomas](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: No Overnight Parking signs
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 5:06:21 PM

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To members of the Board of Supervisors,

I live on Monroe Street in Nevada City and I support the ordinance that will place no parking 10pm to 5am along Champion Road and Old Downieville Highway from the Nevada City limits to Cedro. This will help deter people from camping along these two roads since at present there are no signs and therefore there can be no enforcement. Wildfire dangers and trash, garbage and human waste are currently a problem since many people camp in vehicles along the two roads at night.

Sincerely
Gerald Thomas



From: [Paul Berger](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: Overnight parking/camping on Champion and Old Downieville Rds.
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:57:27 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I live on Old Downieville Hwy near its intersection with Champion Road. During the past several months, our area has been inundated with scofflaw overnight campers, who park their vehicles/trucks/SUVs and campers on both of the above noted roads. These are **not** local homeless people. In fact, the majority of them come from out of town, drawn by word of mouth or social media. These overnight squatters have created enormous problems -- trash dumping, illegal campfires, proliferation of human waste and toilet paper and doing laundry in Deer Creek using harmful detergents. Moreover, vehicles parked on Champion block emergency evacuation routes and would prevent firefighting vehicles from reaching the canyon if, god forbid, a fire were to break out there.

For the health, safety and welfare of our community, I strongly support the enactment of a No Overnight Parking ordinance with strict enforcement by the County Sheriff and other local law enforcement. Only then will these scofflaws decide that Deer Creek canyon is not the free overnight camping paradise they thought it was.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Paul S. Berger



From: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Paul Cummings](#); [Alicia Burget](#)
Subject: FW: Champion Road Camping
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 1:41:03 PM

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From: Randall Frizzell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:24 AM
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Subject: Champion Road Camping

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm going to keep this short and direct. It seems any discussion of the legality of camping on public roads is irrelevant considering the massive public hazard involved. I am appalled by the lack of urgency among our county officials, law enforcement, and fire departments. Nevada City is located on top of a powder keg and we are allowing who ever wants to camp in an area that is in a canyon, on a hillside, and is in great need of vegetation reduction. Compounding this is the fact that Champion Road is an evacuation route for part of Nevada City.

Champion Road is NOT a campground. There is no campground host, there are no outhouses, there is no clearing and raking around the parking or fire rings, there are no fire hydrants or water spigots, and there is no registration and fee process to keep track of the users.

We should all know by now that each blade of grass or pine needle or desiccated leaf is ever present and only needs the simplest form of ignition to start the next mega-fire. The hot exhaust of someone trying to fit on the road or making a U-turn, a cigarette or reefer accidentally dropped, a spark from a light source, a spark from poorly maintained van door - the list of sources is long. It only takes one careless person, one person burning their toilet paper, one mentally ill or unstable person, or one angry person how decides to throw a match out the window on there way out of town.

It's now not hard to imagine a fire starting on Champion Road burning through Nevada City before an air attack bomber could get off the ground. From there it could easily jump the 20/49 freeway which CalTrans has been negligent in maintaining, continuing up the Deer Creek drainage spreading laterally as it heads toward the Sierra crest. This is only one scenario in the event or should I say the likelihood of a fire start on Champion Road.

There are mechanisms such as Emergency Declarations or whatever. Our elected officials and public safety professionals need to figure it out and make this happen NOW. We who pay taxes have the right to to live in our homes in our community without the risk from campers on Champion Road.

Randall Frizzell
Greater Champion Firewise Community
Coalition of Firewise Communities
Firesafe Council of Nevada County member