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To: United States Forest Service  
And All Who Are Involved In Trying  
To Make Mt. Taylor A Wilderness

We are totally against making any part of Mt. Taylor a wilderness area! We enjoy driving around the whole mountain. We do not want to just stay on one road all the way up and back down the same road again, that's ridiculous. You lose out on all the beautiful views of the whole mountain. Our parents took us up Mt. Taylor since we were children for picnics, hunting, camping, to cut Christmas trees, wood cutting, pinion picking, hiking, you name it. We took our sons up there all the time and now we are taking our grandsons and they just love it. We want to show them the entire mountain not just a little bit of it.

We take our relatives and friends that come from out of state to the lookout and drive around the whole mountain. They love the drive and the beautiful views. This will no longer be possible if you make it wilderness.

You want to make Mt. Taylor a wilderness area to preserve the mountain for future generations. We were born and raised here and we have been going up Mt. Taylor for the past 50 years. Mt. Taylor has been here for over three and a half million years without being a wilderness area and it is doing just fine. It will be here for future generations just the way it is.

People from other states and countries should not come here and tell us what to do with Mt. Taylor. They should not have any say so what so ever.

We enjoy hunting, hiking, camping, pinion picking, driving around, and cutting our Christmas trees.

Like we said we are totally against making any part of Mt. Taylor a wilderness area. Everyone we have spoken to is against it too!!!

God made the earth and all its beauty for all to enjoy but not all will get to enjoy it if it is locked up into a wilderness.

We are letting you know we want Mt. Taylor to stay just the way it is and to leave the mountain ALONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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