



December 11, 2019

U.S. Forest Service, Coronado National Forest
Santa Catalina Ranger District
Attn: Rudy Bowen, District Recreation Staff Officer
5700 N. Sabino Canyon Road
Tucson, Arizona 85750

Electronically submitted 12/18/2019 to:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=52903>

Re: Draft Environmental Assessment for Master Development Plan for Camp Lawton

Dear Mr. Bowen:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the above-referenced Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The Santa Catalina Ranger District (District) is proposing to authorize facility improvements outlined in the Master Plan to include several new buildings and other camp facilities.

The EA is well-written and thorough. The Department notes that consultation has occurred with the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Mexican Spotted Owl and that the camp has implemented a bear policy that includes the use of bear resistant trash receptacles and a bear shed to store "smellables" (e.g. food, shower toiletries, etc.). The Department commends the camp for this and encourages the District to consider resistance/deterrence of bears as of extreme importance in further consideration of camp facilities. Bear-proof would be better than bear-resistant if at all possible.

Overall, the Department supports the project which will introduce and encourage youth engagement with the outdoors and provide education in shooting sports. If you have questions on this letter and/or if the Department can assist in any further consultation on the facility please feel free to contact John Windes at jwindes@azgfd.gov or 520-623-5376.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raul A. Vega". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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