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Subject: Camp Lawton Master Development Plan EA

US Forest Service, Coronado National Forest

Santa Catalina Ranger District

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

Regarding the Master Development Plan for Camp Lawton:

Our National Forest Lands should be for all Americans, not for private organizations with poor oversight and discriminatory practices.

More allegations of abuse by BSA personnel have come to light since this NPR story in February of 2020:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/02/18/806721827/boy-scouts-of-america-files-for-bankruptcy-as-it-faces-hundreds-of-sex-abuse-cla>

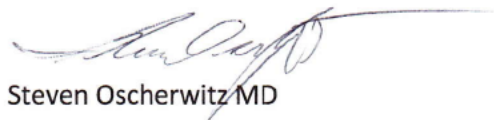
BSA's legal right to have discriminatory policies was upheld by the United States Supreme Court. In [Boy Scouts of America v. Dale](#). The [Supreme Court of the United States](#) has affirmed that as a private organization, the BSA can set its own membership standards. Homosexuals, atheists and non-Christians have certainly been made to feel unwelcome at BSA activities in recent years.

Boy Scouts of America has increased its membership fees due to its ongoing legal problems and lagging membership. This effectively excludes lower income young men from joining the already intolerant group. Such an organization has no place on our public lands.

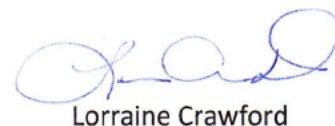
Please consider barring further BSA use of our public facilities.

Unless Camp Lawton becomes a safe place where low income and minority children are welcome, we do not believe that we should commit further public funds to maintaining it.

Sincerely,



Steven Oscherwitz MD



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