



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA
SUPPORTING THE REISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE AN
ORGANIZATIONAL CAMP ON THE SAFFORD RANGER DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, the organizational camp has been operating under a Special Use Permit since at least 1966 and is comprised of privately owned structures (many which qualify for historic status based on their 50+ year age) located on approximately 5.9 acres of National Forest System land including multiple structures, facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Church of Christ Bible Camp has submitted an application proposing to operate and maintain the existing facilities for up to a maximum of 120 individuals, including campers and staff opening on Memorial Day weekend and ending labor Day weekend; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action does not include any changes or increases in the scope and intensity of authorized activities under the expired permit at the existing organizational camp which allows the USFS' Responsible Official to apply a categorical exclusion to the permitting action, and

WHEREAS, the Bible Camp was in operation prior to the 1987 designation of the Mt. Graham Red Squirrel as endangered and the 1988 creation of the refugium area; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Graham Red Squirrel has expanded its range to include lower elevation mixed conifer forest portions of Mt. Graham, some in seasonally inhabited recreation areas, and

WHEREAS, the National Forest Service through the permitting process is to determine whether to authorize the reissuance of an existing expired Special Use Permit for a 20 year period; and

WHEREAS, Graham County supports the application for the organizational camp to provide a valuable service and education to the young people in the community which also increases regional tourism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Graham County supports the reissuance by the US Forest Service of the Arizona Church of Christ Bible Camp's Special Use Permit for a 20 year period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular session of the Board of Supervisors of Graham County, Arizona on December 21, 2020.

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Paul R. David, Chairman

ATTESTED:


Dustin Welker, Clerk