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To Kerwin Dewberry,

I am writing in response to the Chiricahua public access project .I am writing in objection of the proposed road onto John Long Canyon.

I am especially concerned that the influx of more people and motorized vehicles will increase the likelihood of wildfires.With recent higher temperatures and prolonged drought this threat is of wildfire will be extremely catastrophic.

I am also concerned that this project will threaten native plant and animal communities with increasing levels of vehicular noise and pollution. ORV's will degrade fragile landscapes and discourage the use of this area to hikers and horse back riders who seek peace and quiet and solace in nature.

I strongly object to this project and would urge you to reconsider the detrimental impact this will have on a intact unique ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Page Kelleher

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