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Mr. Dewberry,

I am an Arizona native, a hunter, and the owner of three four-wheel-drive vehicles. My wife and I lived in Portal for two years, and I have been backpacking and hunting in the range for over 40 years.

I am absolutely *against* the idea of building more roads into the John Long Canyon area, or anywhere else in the range, for the benefit of a small percentage of the public. The un-roaded areas of the Chiricahuas comprise vital refuges for wildlife both threatened and un-threatened, both game and non-game.

More and more frequently, my hunting (and hiking/birding) experiences in Arizona have been ruined by lazy "hunters" in 4x4s or on ATVs, who are not pursuing the craft of hunting but are simply riding around hoping a target species will wander in front of them. There are more than enough places where those of genuine limited mobility can access rich outdoor experiences, whether hunting or not; we do not need more access for those who simply prefer not to exert themselves for their experience.

Once roads are bulldozed into such places, the experience there changes irrevocably, and for the worse. Please do not let it happen in one of the most biologically diverse mountain ranges in the state.

Regards,

Jonathan Hanson

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