

**Kerwin Dewberry**, Forest Supervisor  
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## **Chiricahua Public Access Project**

Dear Mr. Kerwin Dewberry,

I am writing in objection to the Coronado National Forests' ***Chiricahua Public Access Project***.

I am a life long SE Arizona outdoorsman. As an Arizona native, I've lived long enough to have witnessed the dramatic changes in our sky islands, from the hopeful slow healing of lumbered and mined forests recovering from over exploitation of the 1800's to the recent disappointment of over recreated times since COVID. Thousands of new "unofficial" roads are being blazed from the exploding ORV fad and thousands of new camping sites are being cleared with the trash, target shooting remnants, trampled plants, toilet paper and everything associated with unregulated public use and access. With limited resources, little to no law enforcement is available to land managers creating a perfect storm of destruction to our sensitive forests.

Installing new roads is not a way to elevate the problems unless you can provide funding for the law enforcement necessary to manage the new access areas and It is clear that's not happening anywhere on the Coronado.

Further more, this area supports some of the mountains most sensitive plants and animals. Being a wet canyon makes it especially important to regional wildlife. Once public access is encouraged, these areas will be largely useless to sensitive species.

Please leave a place for nature in your forest planning!

Sincerely,  
Dennis Caldwell

