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Comments: I am Daryl Weech's brother and an attorney with the firm of Davis Miles McGuire Gardner, PLLC in Tempe, Arizona. I live in Gilbert, AZ. I have read the November 18, 2019 letter my brother sent and am going to incorporate it here by reference as though restated here. I've also attached a copy. I am also a native of Pima, AZ, and a 3rd and 4th generation native from there as well. I fully support the continuation of the Bible Camp. The survival of Columbine and the Bible Camp during that last big fire is a testament to and confirmation of how dearly our family, extended family, friends and the public users of the mountain care about the mountain. If the mountain as a whole had been tended to as it should have been, other parts would not have been damaged so much. I have been actively and personally involved in the negotiations to purchase the Bible Camp and will likely be a major capital contributor to the transfer. I know that the Bible Camp will be appropriately maintained, and I take great joy in the thought that it will be made available and used by youth, families, handicapped persons, groups and many others. The public as a whole will benefit, perhaps even more than in past years. I implore you with all the fervor of my soul to follow the law, and to also reissue the camp permit as soon as possible. Our heritage on the mountain goes back to 1879 when Pima, AZ was settled by my great grandfather and three other families. We have a history of having small and large gatherings there, where all are welcome, including twice a year where my mother, my siblings and I provide the main course of a meal. People gather from the Gila Valley, other parts of Arizona and from other states as well. We have from 200-400 there during the large gatherings. The Forest Service is invited to speak to the group, and most always takes the opportunity. It is an excellent opportunity for communication and cooperation between the Forest Service and the public. I have personally hiked the mountain many times, and as a youth, even assisted in a rescue operation of a young man from Central, AZ, when the temporary Forest Service personnel needed guides to locate the individual. I and my brother Daryl, ran ahead, and led the way. For those of us that must live a further distance than Pima, we look to Daryl as the caretaker of not only our cabin, but, also the Columbine area. Dad preceded him, and Daryl is every bit as conscientious and helpful. Again, I implore the Forest Service to follow the law, and to also reissue the camp permit as soon as possible. Bradley D. Weech