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Dear South Fork Planners,

Re: South Fork Day Use Area Project #56779

I and about 10 friends have been regular birdwatcher-visitors over the past 20 years to Cave Creek and its beloved South Fork trail. Please accept these heartfelt comments regarding the potential revitalization plan for the South Fork of Cave Creek.

First, thank you for all the time and thoughtful effort that has been invested in the design of the draft plan. Now that most of us are in our 70's and beyond, we will happily make use of the picnic area and facilities as well as the trail itself. I do, however, want to express concern about one aspect of the proposed plan.

Please, please, do not follow through on the idea to close the gate to vehicular traffic during any part of the year. Easy auto access to the trailhead has been available year around for as long as we can remember and in our experience the visitors who have come to enjoy it have never posed a threat to the area's healthy existence--either of the flora or the fauna. Each season of the year is special for different reasons and any closure of the gate would make it difficult for those of us who are all now in our 70's and beyond to continue to have reasonable access to and use of the trail.

Thank you for listening and please take our concerns into consideration.

David & Audrey Fielding