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Comments: Please do not close access to King Mountain road or launch areas used by both paragliders (PG) and hang gliders (HG) by making this a wilderness area. Due to private property, cities, airports, reservations, state parks, protected lands, and other vast wilderness areas, HG and PG sites are shrinking and considerably limiting the free flight activity. The King Mountain road and sites have been used for many years by both PG and HG. we have a very low footprint (impact on natural resources). These sports are quiet, make no emissions, and pretty much have no poor environmental impact. PG in fact, is often hiked in only one way and then flown out thus making half the foot traffic impact compared to say, a day hiker! If this is made a wilderness area, it would deny and bring to an end an established low impact activity which has been long practiced for many decades, as HG and PG are prohibited activities under the wilderness act.