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Comments: I strongly recommend that the Special Use Permit for the Arizona Church of Christ Bible Camp on Mt. Graham be renewed.

I have been a part of the camp since its beginning in 1968, first as a youngster and camper and then as an adult. I first attended a camp session in 1970 and throughout that decade, I came to love the mountain scenery and the quietness of the camp location. As an adult, I became a board member for the ACCBC organization in 1988 and I have served on the executive board since 1990. I'm currently serving as the president of the board of directors.

I cannot emphasize enough the value of the camping sessions that children from all walks of life have experienced at these facilities. We have had children and teens from different cultures and economic circumstances attend our camp sessions and come back to attend year after year because our staff taught them the Christian values of love for God and for each other and the stewardship of taking care of God's creation. This facility has also been used by The Boy Scouts of America organization and has hosted several family retreats, and other church organizations, over its 50 years of operation. The value of such a place for teaching good citizenship and stewardship to children cannot be over emphasized.

The ACCBC board of directors has also supported the Forest Service, Game and Fish and the firefighters who have protected all the mountain facilities. After the Nuttall fire in 2004, the Forest Service requested a way to hook up to our 20,000 gallon water tanks. We enthusiastically supported this action and made our water line available for that use.

Again, I would strongly recommend that the Special Use Permit for this facility be renewed.

Thank you!

Bob Lollar

President of the board of directors

Arizona Church of Christ Bible Camp