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Comments: I support the vision and plan for the South Fork Recreation Area in Cave Creek Canyon. Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, namely flooding, South Fork once included a bathroom, picnic area, hiking trails and parking that have disappeared from the area. But interest in the canyon and subsequent visitation has not disappeared. Without proper management, the area will see a detrimental impact from frequent use which may only continue to increase with people looking for healthy, safe outdoor activities to get them away from crowds and possible contamination from Covid 19. Having proper sanitation/bathrooms will be a welcome and safer alternative to having nothing but the side of the trail for one's business. Accessible trails for families and those with handicaps will provide recreational opportunities not available elsewhere in the canyon. And having a small group area for interpretive programs will not only benefit the rural schools in the region but provide educational opportunities for campers at Sunny Flats and other canyon campgrounds. As a resident of the canyon (I have lived within it 25 years now), I see how much use it and the South Fork area get on a steady basis and cannot see any real drawbacks for enhancing the parking, comfort and interpretive opportunities this plan may provide.