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Comments: As a 36 year resident and of Cave Creek Canyon, I fully endorse the vision and plan for the South Fork Recreation Area in Cave Creek Canyon. The canyon has gone through various stages of destruction due to natural causes, rebuilding to serve visitor needs only to have it happen all over again. Through it all the nature of South Fork has not only nourished the canyon but the community including the day visitors, naturalist and scientists who travel here to visit the birds, reptiles, plant life and ecology of the area. The trails have provided income for local businesses, residents leading tours and generally offer a safe place for enjoying nature. Hurricane Odile struck a mighty blow to our area but the wildlife and plant life has returned. With this proposed vision plan, I believe we have an opportunity to not only entertain but also educate the public to the wonders of our specific local and the region. We need to provide the basics for our guests and not leave the area a haphazard experience. For the safety of our waters and landscape, we must have bathrooms and good safe parking areas. What a loss to miss the opportunity to also provide kiosks to spread the news of our wonders and small presentation areas as landscape set-asides, no matter how humble, that will allow for educational moments at the trail head and along the road leading up to the main trails. Please don't let this opportunity pass us. We live in a National Forest and it belongs to all our nations citizens, not just a few. Make the moments our visitors experience here something they will remember and grow from for the rest of their lives.