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Comments: I am appealing to all concerned that the plan(B) under consideration for development in the South Fork canyon be abandoned. It is distressing that anyone should want to create permanent damage(a parking lot!) in such a delicate and unique treasure.

I have lived in Portal for seventeen years. In that time I have volunteered as an EMT ,firefighter ,county Search and Rescue K9 handler and trail maintenance worker with the United States Forest Service. I have seen first hand the Chiricahuas respond to fires, floods and drought . The biggest threat to this ecosystem is increased human pressure. To think we humans can improve what nature has given us is arrogance. We cannot stop people from pouring into the range and recreating. But we don't have to draw them into the most sensitive area and pave even a small portion of it.

I hope we can make use of the existing facilities available in and near the National Forest rather than adding a parking lot in South Fork Canyon.