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Comments: I am in favor of the South Fork Project. From its inception, along with our dedicated education coordinator, Carol Frischmann, I have been part of FOCCC's student program, "Let's STEM Outdoors". This exciting introduction to the natural sciences is designed to serve the children in our outlying, rural areas. Having small groups of students exposed to the wonders of our forest has been very memorable. Prior to a forest visit, the children meet at a classroom at Cave Creek Ranch or at the Visitor Center to prepare for the topic of the day. A staging/picnic area with an accessible bathroom would be wonderful when our children actually get to have their visit up canyon!

As I ponder the possibility of having a Day Use area, I am also aware of its many potential benefits for families, seniors, small groups, tour groups getting ready to go up canyon for a hike, the handicapped, and even just a few friends who would love to meet in our stunning forest for a visit, and to share a little lunch. This forest nurtures them all.

So many responses to the project inquiry are related to the length of time the road will be closed yearly, but It is my hope, that once this first process is complete, a reasonable solution to the gate and the road closure will be found.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cecil Williams