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Comments: As a committed conservationist, I can appreciate the serious concerns behind the proposal to close off the last mile of the South Fork access. However, many birders who love Cave Creek such as myself, are retirees in their 70's or older. Many of them would not make the mile walk required to get to where they want to go.

My wife and I have our reservations in to stay at Cave Creek in April, 2021. Having not been there in 3 years, and having just retired at 73, I am very excited to spend time there in April, a month I've never been able to visit that area. It will be disappointing if the terminous of the South Fork access is restricted to a mile walk.

I fully agree with every point that Reed Peters has submitted for your consideration. I hope that you find those points persuasive and will adjust your plans to accomodate them.

Finally, thank you for overseeing the building of a new rest area, and for all the ways that you work to protect the extraordinary region that is Southeast Arizona.

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