

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 11/23/2020 7:16:10 PM

First name: Loren

Last name: Smith

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I have enjoyed many years hiking in the Chiricahua Mountains. I have also done volunteer trail work in South Fork of Cave Creek Canyon. I am very concerned about long term impacts on sensitive wildlife and plants, of which there are over 40, in the proposed area. I am opposed to opening the road in John Long Canyon. If a second road is built into Horseshoe Canyon it should be closed at the Forest Service boundary. I do not support using limited taxpayer dollars for a project that doesn't provide access to over 95% of visitors and just benefits a few while endangering species and increasing fire risk and spread of invasive species..

This past year we have seen the detrimental consequence in Cave Creek canyon of allowing camping within 300 feet of the road. I am opposed to allowing camping within the 300' buffer zone in the proposed area.

Wildlife and wildlife corridors are critical to maintain and should take priority over opening up one more access area in this unique place. Protection should be our number one priority. After seeing much of the west burn in devastating fires these past few years and the terrible fires we've had in the Chiricahuas it is more important than ever to make protecting. Endangered species and the animals and reducing human encroachment, use and impact as much as possible.