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Comments: As a long-time permanent resident of Portal, AZ (since the 1980s), I find the proposed Chiricahua Public Access #57856 to represent a number of objectionable prospects for native species of the Chiricahuas and for values I believe are held by most users of the Coronado National Forest. Adequate public access to the three specific areas under consideration already exists, and what is being proposed is in large measure a damaging sort of road access (involving ATVs and high-clearance 4X4 vehicles) that would pose increased risks to many sensitive species and a heightened risk of establishment of non-native invasive species, not to mention significantly increased risks of trash build-up and damaging fires. These risks are not credibly analyzed in the proposal. The only users the proposal seems to be favoring in John Long Canyon, for example, are a tiny group of ATV and 4X4 hunters, a groups with a well-documented history of degrading natural areas and a group whose increased access to the area can be expected to drive away most users who favor loess impactful forms of recreation. The proposal for new access to Horseshoe Canyon appears to be a duplication, without termination of existing access, for very unclear benefits. The overall proposal does not adequately analyzed expected impacts and will result in significant harm for most present and future users of the National Forest. There is no demonstrable need for such developments and I strongly oppose them.