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Comments: I spend many holidays and long weekends backpacking in the Chiricahuas, and have done so since childhood. This mountain range has been a revered place for my family, as I am an 11th generation Arizonan and am part Apache. We celebrate this landscape and its remote features, and do not want them opened up to more roads and more motorized traffic. The Threatened and Endangered species are important, and it is also important that invasive plant species and the fires they propagate are not allowed additional access to the mountain via roads.

Hence, I am opposed to opening the road in John Long Canyon because of immediate and long-term effects on sensitive wildlife and plants, including Threatened and Endangered Species, because of the resulting increased threat of invasive species and fire, and because such roads do not respect the mountain and the religious beliefs of my family and other Native Americans. If a second road into Horseshoe Canyon is constructed, the existing road should be closed at the forest boundary. However, I cannot overstate my opposition to any open roads in this area.