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Comments: Mr. Dewberry et al.,

I am writing to express the Town of Thatcher's support for the Arizona Church of Christ Bible Camp's continued operation. The Pinaleno Mountains are a critical component to the fabric of life in the Gila Valley. Functions like this, the cabins at Turkey Flat and Columbine, the observatories, Angle's Orchard, and the campgrounds are the best way for patrons to enjoy and use the mountain. The Mountain has been used for generations for recreation and science and many other activities. Sadly, over the years many of these facilities have been closed to the public. Campgrounds and roads have been closed, structures have been demolished, and other detrimental activities to the access to the Mountain.

Please continue to allow the Bible to function as is and please do not expand the off-limits areas for habitat of T & E species. The Town of Thatcher is extremely concerned that once a long established facility /function like the Bible Camp is taken away, a precedent will be set for removing more of the above mentioned facilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Heath H. Brown, PE

Thatcher Town Manager