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Comments: To whom it may concern: I object to this project for the following reasons: the area is already well beyond carrying capacity. The parking area at Icehouse canyon Trailhead is often full by 6 am on summer weekends. Where are these additional visitors going to park? Or is parking for hikers just going to be reduced or eliminated (as was the case in Baldy Village: there is hardly any parking available for the Bear Canyon/ Bear Flats trailhead) The trails themselves in Icehouse canyon are frequently packed with human and canine visitors. Any additional infrastructure that would draw more visitors to the area would just increase the negative environmental impacts already occurring. I have been hiking here since before the parking area was paved, without outhouses or adjacent homes. The crowds have increased exponentially over the years to the detriment of the natural environment and positive experiences of hikers. Thank you for your consideration.