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Comments: I'm 100% opposed to this project. Although it sounds nice on paper and pulls at your heart strings - helping veterans - the reality is different.

Nothing is mentioned about the organization, the Hero's Project. Are they financially stable? How will they finance the maintenance of the project in the future? Nothing is known financially about the organization other than they put on a yearly hike to Mount Baldy. Are they responsible for future maintenance of the immediate area and surrounding the buildings? What happens if they don't have the money to maintain the buildings? Is there an escrow account already set up that guarantees maintenance funding into the future?

In order to build the structures, the parking lot will most likely be shut down for months if not a year. This isn't mentioned. Will the public still have access to the trail during that time? Or will it be considered too dangerous to have the public near construction equipment during the construction phase.

The parking lot is extremely small -- approximately 50 spaces. Based on the plans, at any given time, the staff, visiting veterans, and their families will easily take up 15 to 20 of those spaces - if not more. Will the Hero's Project have dedicated spaces that the public doesn't have access to? Will they charge for parking much like at Chantry Flats? Parking is not mentioned in any of the discussions.

Increased access also means increased traffic which means increased trash. Is the Hero's project responsible for trail cleanup in the immediate area of their structures and further up the trail.

Don't vote with your emotions. Vote on the reality of the project. Nothing is known about the Hero's Project, their finances, and how they plan on addressing parking and future maintenance of the structures.