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Comments: Dear USFS,

After reading the Arizona National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan, I wanted to commend the hard work and time that went into making such a detailed document. The inclusion of different ecoregions, the important incorporation of the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument, and breakdown of trail users were all interesting to read.

I live in Arizona and the Arizona Trail is personally important to me as an opportunity for outdoor recreation. I personally thru-hiked the trail in 2019; achieving a thru-hike of a long trail was the attainment of a childhood dream. And afterwards, my wife I wanted to get more involved with giving back to the trail and the community, so we've volunteered with the Arizona Trail Association. As I currently live at the Grand Canyon, it's been a great opportunity to engage with other land management agencies like the National Park Service to help clarify policies around the trail to benefit of trail users. Both my wife and I make riding and hiking on the trail a nearly weekend activity for us.

As for the Comprehensive Plan, I wanted to further comment on the importance of prioritizing the protection of scenic resources within the national trail planning corridor. I think making sure that the trail maintains and work is done to ecologically enhance that corridor will provide a continuing world-class experience for all users on the AZT. Furthermore, I support the acquisition of State Trust Lands that the AZT passes through to help protect and ensure the continuity of the AZT into perpetuity. Lastly, I'd like to thank the USFS for the opportunity to comment on this Comprehensive Plan.

Thank You,

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