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Comments: Dear Forest service,

Thank you so much for creating such a comprehensive plan for the AZT. I really appreciate the fact that you are working to protect this very important, world-renowned trail!

The AZT is very important to me because I hike portions of the trail multiple times every year. I live in Flagstaff and I mountain bike the AZT to and from work in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. It is the highlight of my day!

I also have segment-hiked a lot of the AZT and it is a truly wonderful and amazing part of Arizona. The AZT is an amazing American gem; we need to protect the trail, trail access, and the wilderness areas that allow the wildlife and plants to thrive.

Please prioritize the protection of scenic resources and other trail values within the national trail planning corridor (1-mile-wide). This allows for the integrity of the trail-experience and the ecosystem integrity.

I support the acquisition of State Trust Lands to protect the Arizona Trail in perpetuity.

Forest Service, thank you for the opportunity to comment, I appreciate the work you do. As a former wildland firefighter and a current conservation corps staff member, I deeply value the experience the AZT offers and I would like future generations to be able to experience the same landscape/feeling.

Sincerely,

Christian