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Comments: My family and I fully support protecting and expanding buffer for the Arizona trail.

Having trekked the more famous trails like John PCT and AT, I've experienced the profound impact these continuous, protected routes have on us. Growing up near Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail, I watched it slowly gain the protection it deserves, and now, near the Arizona Trail, it's become a crucial part of my life, especially in thinking about the legacy for my daughter.

This trail, winding through deserts, forests, mountains, and rivers, is a testament to the beauty and diversity of our land. It's a nod to our past, echoing the routes our ancestors walked and reminding us of the importance of preserving these paths for future explorers. Just as the nation once rallied to build railways and interstate highways, we should continue to build and protect natural routes and trails across our country with the same historic conviction.

I'm deeply grateful for the efforts to protect the Arizona Trail. It's not just a pathway through nature; it's a journey through the heart of what it means to be connected to the earth. Ensuring its preservation allows future generations to learn, explore, and grow. Thanks for considering our input. Let's keep this trail, and others like it, as enduring legacies of our commitment to the natural world.

thank you, Andy