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Comments: I am a 74 year-old woman who has been coming to Evergreen Valley and Calf Canyon for 65 years. My father was stationed at Camp Luna during World War II and hiked and fished the Gallinas during that time, later bringing his bride here on their honeymoon. The vacations of my youth were spent at Evergreen Valley and my husband and I have been coming up for 35 years. All of that is to say, this area is dear to me--my family has an 80-year connection to the Gallinas area. I want to know that my children and grandchildren will be able to hike and fish here in the future. I am now disabled, but I was an avid fisherwoman--it breaks my heart to see the stream the way it is. I hiked all over as a young person and to see the hiking trails becoming overgrown, it makes me sick. My heart's desire is to have the recreational areas of the Gallinas restored to what they were in the 1960-90's. There is a lot of money being poured into this area, and I expect that some could be ear-marked for this purpose.

Good roads are paramount for this preserved land to be usable and should include a good maintenance plan. I realize that for now, the roads and infrastructure need to just be "patched" so people can come up, but after the floods recede, they should be replaced and upgraded.

My time up here is now limited, but I passionately believe in the restoration of the recreational value of this forest.