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Comments: I strongly support the Restoration Project - Action Alternative that would result in the issuance of the permit for full operations of Montlure Camp. Since the 1930's the camp has been the gathering site of young adults and families from across Arizona and the southwest to come, gather, and learn together. I have personally benefitted from the programs offered at the Montlure Camp that has aided me in my lifes endeavors through the social gathering and leadership opportunities that the camp provided. Today, the camp has expanded its reach to include more at-risk and underprivledged youth who many not otherwise be afforded these important life experiences. The camp's approach to a technology-free experience is also important in offering healthy opportunities for our youth and invites folks to learn new what it means to be good stewards of our natural environment.

Economically, the camp is also a natural introduction for young people and families to the beautiful Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and the Town of Greer. The small community of Greer has benefitted from these introductions as families continue to return to their beloved camp and the community of Greer for years after their first experience. Having personally attended the camp in my youth in the 1990's, the Town of Greer and the camp hold a very special place in my heart and I return as often as I can. For a small rural community such as Greer, these special attributes are critical to the communities financial viability.

I appreciate USFS's responsibility to be the protectors of our lands and are often limited by the resources that avail themselves for these efforts. To that extend, I believe that having the property restored and these cabins repopulated will bring greater presence and stewardship to this small corner of Arizona and only serves to create lasting appreciation and support for the work of the USFS.

Thank you.