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Comments: I have been traveling to Montlure Camp annually since 1998. As a member of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Tucson, my three children and I had the pleasure of attending annual Family Camp for long weekends where we were uplifted and rejuvenated by the beauty of the surroundings and the community we shared it with. My youngest son attended summer camp there and became a counselor in later years. The year prior to the fire, I became the camp registrar until 2019 and was closely involved with its operations, including relocating the camp to various locations until we could return to Greer.

I have volunteered at the work camps every year since the fire, working to restore the camp grounds. Many volunteers have dedicated hours of physical labor at the site to satisfy the requirements of the Forest Service, with one goal driving us forward: to once again be able to hold camp there for children of Arizona and New Mexico. Montlure Camp provides opportunities to experience the beauty of the White Mountains, develop positive character traits, and grow into confident youth and teens within a safe environment and loving, supportive community. Montlure has a special place in the lives of so many. I know many couples who met there and are sending 2nd and 3rd generations to Montlure.

I request that you support the Montlure Organizational Camp Rehabilitation Project plan and to provide Montlure the ability to rebuild structures and utilities that were lost, increase accessibility, and regain our long-term permit to call the site Montlure Camp's home.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.