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Comments: I would like to have the McCullough Gulch shuttle start earlier and drop hikers off at the trailhead. McCullough Gulch used to be one of my favorite trails, but I would park at the trailhead and start between 6 am and 6:30 am to avoid crowds and afternoon thunderstorms. Now there is no way to get to the trailhead before 8:30 on the shuttle, which is much too late to be able to hike as long as I would like. The last time that I hiked the trail (before the parking and shuttle system began), I hiked 9.5 miles round-trip to the farthest lake beneath the ridge spanning Fletcher Mountain and Atlantic Peak. I wouldn't want to add another 3 miles round-trip to hike from the parking lot. Also, I have read reviews stating that the shuttle doesn't drop people off at the trailhead, which also adds mileage to the hike. It has been very disappointing to effectively lose access to such a great trail.