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Comments: As a lifelong resident of the Gila Valley, I support the proposed 20 year authorization to operate and maintain the existing Bible camp in the Pinaleño Mountains. This camp's seasonal use has been part of our community's tradition my entire life. I have personally participated in service projects on the property to help restore it responsibly for future generations.

The camp provides a valuable gathering place for large families and church youth groups. Spending time in these beautiful mountains gives young people opportunities to strengthen their faith, build relationships, grow through outdoor activities, and learn to care for nature.

As an outdoor enthusiast, I believe we have a responsibility to leave this planet better than we found it. Protecting the Mount Graham red squirrel and its habitat matters to me. I believe responsible seasonal use of the existing facilities, with appropriate safeguards and monitoring, can preserve this community tradition while protecting the forest and its wildlife.

I encourage the Forest Service to approve this proposal and work with camp organizers to make its continued use responsible and sustainable.