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Comments: Helicopter Use in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness NEPA

To: Deputy District Ranger Shalonda Guy

Please consider my comments in your review of the proposed usage of helicopters in Pusch Ridge Wilderness.

I am strongly opposed to the use of helicopters in the Pusch Ridge wilderness for three reasons:

*Such use will degrade my hiking and camping experience in the wilderness, already impacted by the prime hiking season closure of the Pusch Ridge trail from January 1 through April 30.
*The hiking experience of Arizona Trail users will be impacted, many who are from out-of-state and have never experienced such vast miles of solitude as they can on the Arizona Trail.
*My concern that the data gathered will cause the big horn population to be "nurtured" by continued manipulation, beyond the killing of mountain lions, to include additional restriction of human activity in the wilderness.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Rising

"Duty is ours, results are God's." - John Quincy Adams