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Re: P19CU0005

After marrying an Arizona native and working hard we were able to buy some land, south of Escalante, just off Old Spanish Trail and Camino del Desierto over 40 yrs ago.

This is within the Buffer Zone and the SR zoning. The most wonderful thing about this area is the quality of life, the peace, the beauty of the Rincon Mts. to the east and the valley south to the Santa Ritas. When we first arrived we were able to see so much of the wildlife from deer, a bear cub(after the fires in the Rincons), gila monsters, bobcats, etc. Now we see a fraction of the wildlife.

Over the last 5plus years with all the growth and development in the Vail area to the south, Old Spanish Trail has become a more dangerous road to travel. The local government did not make and set up any road improvements to accommodate all the extra vehicle traffic driving north on Old Spanish Trail at 50 -65 mph. Then you add in the large groups of bicyclist, some that obey the rules of the road and many that

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don't. I observed on the morning of the last Administrative meeting 3 groups of bicyclist going east on Escalante. The middle group of about 6-8 were riding 4 across and not moving over to allow vehicles to proceed down Escalante. This happens frequently. In the last few years there have been at least 3 accidents at our road. The last one was a bicyclist. You didn't hear about it because he didn't die and the driver took him to the urgent care. This whole area needs to be looked at for traffic safety because a 2 lane road cannot continue to accommodate all the traffic that will be coming along with more development that is in the planning. All this traffic comes north to the intersection at Escalante and Old Spanish Trail.

We all love the quality of life that Tucson has to offer and what so many of us have worked so hard to obtain, to have it taken from us for the almighty dollar to bring in a few people. This will disrupt our lives with lights, noise, traffic and environmental damages. We are the ones who have worked so hard and paid our taxes year after year to support this city and county. Have we done this so that you can take away our quality of life, our loss of biodiversity, wildlife, etc, for what? A "bike ranch" that says they will not be able to operate year round as a bike ranch, and will have to use the "Motel" for other purposes during the off season. This should not be right across the road from the Saguaro Park entrance! If this happens it will destroy the "buffer zone". There are more appropriate areas around Tucson to accommodate this project.

Please reject this project so that the east side can retain its beauty and quality of life for all us humans and animals!!

Thank you,
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