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Comments:

I want to express my support for the continued access to the King Mountain launch for hang gliding and paragliding. I understand and support protection of the forest but closing a road to users, if that is included in the plan to designate a wilderness area, unjustifiably prohibits the use of the area for a sport with a very light footprint, other than the use of the road.

If a closure of the road is necessary to limit entry to fewer users, please consider the NFS policy in our area, Angeles National Forest. Our forest roads have been gated to reduce vehicles but the Forest Service saw fit to grant a permit to our organization that allows access to our launch. Our club protects that privilege by helping to police the road, excluding any non-club users and pays an annual permit fee.

Please consider any options that would protect this important flying site for pilots from all over the country.