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Please consider the taxpaying citizens who fly Hang Gliders when evaluating the wilderness plan. We have been flying from King Mountain for decades, without causing issues in the surrounding area. The roads already exist, so closing this area to flying would not restore it to a pristine state. Hang Gliding, silently, at high altitudes over King Mountain and the surrounding area offers a truly extraordinary experience which affords a deep appreciation of the natural world without the disruption caused by some other outdoor sports. King Mountain offers a unique combination of geography and micrometeorology which is accesible by an existing road. If this area were closed to flying, it could not be relocated to a similar area. Visiting Hang Glider pilots from around the USA also bring revenue to the surrounding communities, (Arco, etc.).

Please maintain access to King Mountain for Hang Glider pilots. We are responsible stewards for this special area.

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