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Good Morning Ms. Uhler,

Please include my Supporting comments in the AL269 / EA2561 project record. Thank you for taking the time to hear from another Old Stage Road resident.

My name is Jina, and I live on Old Stage Road. I wanted to share my personal experience with Yakalo Ranch and Angela Gregg as you review the Special Use Permit for the campground.

I know Angela and have spent time at Yakalo Ranch. I have personally helped with fire mitigation on the property and have seen how seriously she takes fire safety, emergency preparedness, and caring for the property. I have also watched her continue to work with the County and other agencies to address the requirements being asked of her.

I am aware of the opposition from Laurie Zickefoose and Trey Spiller, and while I completely respect everyone's right to have concerns, I have personally witnessed situations that make me feel some of the complaints do not tell the whole story.

I was at Yakalo Ranch when Laurie reported a guest for having a fire. I am aware that the guest was using a propane fire pit, not a wood-burning campfire. I was also there when Trey entered the Yakalo Ranch property and confronted one of the campers, and I am aware how unwanted and upsetting that interaction was.

I am also familiar with the situation involving animals that had been left in the area near the Cronin property. I know Trey was aware of that situation, as were other nearby residents. Because of what I know about those circumstances, I was surprised to see accusations in the EDARP comments suggesting that Angela had stolen goats. I hope allegations like this are verified before they are treated as facts.

I also want the County to know that the opposition does **NOT** represent everyone who lives in this area. I regularly speak with local residents and people who visit our mountains, and I hear a lot of positive things about Yakalo Ranch. Many people appreciate having a managed place to camp in an area where unauthorized camping, shooting, and unmanaged recreation already occur.

As someone who actually lives on Old Stage Road, wildfire and emergency access matter to me too. I believe Yakalo Ranch should be held to the same safety and land-use requirements as everyone else, but I also believe Angela deserves a fair opportunity to meet those requirements.

From what I have personally experienced, she is working hard to do exactly that.

Warmly,

Jina

Old Stage Resident