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“Saguaro’s wilderness sits right at the edge of Tucson. With the potential for so many visitors, that creates a real challenge for us to maintain that social setting of getting away from it all, as well as reducing the physical impacts that people might create. As one might expect, right on the border of the wilderness, where it’s more accessible, right near the trailheads when you first get in, we do have a lot of visitor use there, and you may run into a lot of other horseback users, or people hiking. But because our wilderness is so rugged, it’s a very steep climb into the back country - around 6000 feet elevation gain - not many people get there. It’s really amazing that you can be out in the very heart of our wilderness after a long day’s hike and hardly see anyone.”