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United States Senate

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Mr. Douglas Crandall Director, Forest Service U.S. Department of Agriculture Yates Building, 5th Floor, NW Wing 201 Fourteenth Street SW Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Crandall,

I have received the enclosed letter from Dr. & Mrs. Jon Shively regarding proposals for wilderness areas in the Manzano Mountains of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands.

I would appreciate your assistance in responding to my constituent's concerns. Please look into this matter and report directly to my constituent with your findings. Please send a copy of your response to Lisa Van Theemsche in my Washington, DC office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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The Forest Service has recently announced plans to allocate 10,000 acres of forest land as a wilderness area in the Manzano Mountains in the Cibola Forest. If implemented the allocation will have a significant negative impact on the people living in the neighboring Estancia Basin by severely limiting the amount of water supplied by the mountains to recharge the aquifer from rain and snow in the mountains by trapping with water in the wilderness area. Also, the restrictions on the use of land in a wilderness area would prevent the fire departments from entering the area with fire fighting equipment and could lead to wild fire travel into populated areas. In addition people who live in the foothills have for generations supported themselves and families by harvesting wood in the forest. They will loose a major source of support because the access to the wilderness is severely limited. We are concerned about the future of the Estancia Basin if the forest in designated a wilderness area. Can you help us deal with these concerns

## Method:

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