



Gallinas Mts
Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts
Desired Conditions and Management Area Comment Form



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Subject of Comment:

Landscape: restore to ¹⁹⁰⁶ ~~the~~ wilderness no

Comment: In 1904 NMSU Professor Eowooton passed through the Gallinas mountains on a long trip of planned observations. The pass was long and open ... the most heterogeneous mix of mountain and mesa plants I have ever seen ... (range) in good condition ... has been dry

The zones dominated by piñon and ponderosa pines were both open. The landscape was that of a typical Rocky Mountain ponderosa pine forest, first illustrated by Merriam in 1890. See TABES FROM CORONA AND MORE BY JUNE

TYREE. (Volume II page 185). Quite a

few years ^{after} 1904 the landscape is still relatively open with scattered large trees.

The landscape should be restored to its ~~good~~ condition of Forest Service founding.

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With the advent of the Forest Service and fire suppression trees increased in density in the Gallinas Mountains. As the dense trees grew taller they suppressed all other vegetation and became vulnerable to fire.

In regions of the Gallinas Mountains where fires hadn't burned for over 100 years over 99% of the trees were killed in the 1996, 2001 and 2004 fires.

Regions not burned since before 1900 now possess a great many sick, dying and dead trees. wilderness "a region essentially undisturbed by human activity together with its naturally developed life community."

The Gallinas Mtn. region is not and cannot be a wilderness unless the 1906 landscape is restored.

P.S. Quite a few species had been suppressed so long that natural regeneration was almost non-existent. Big Bluestem and Indian grasses and the shrub Mountain Mahogany are three of those.

Comments are most useful to the Cibola if received by September 25, 2015.
Comment forms can be delivered to the local Ranger District Office or mailed to:
Forest Planner, 2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113.