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To: Forest Planner 2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

Re: Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Land and Resource Management Plan, NM

Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Land and Resource Management Plan. Overall, the park feels the plan is well-conceived and well-written.

The park has the following comments:

1) The park would like the opportunity to review and edit the section describing the monument (Vol. II, pages 208-209 of the published draft).

2) The park would like to see language in the plan that addresses the importance of forest area view-sheds (as seen from the monument's three site units) in preserving the overall character of the historic landscapes associated with the site units. As an example, the electrical transmission corridor north of the Abó site unit has a direct impact on the historic scene of Abó, due to its close proximity and the recent change in tower size to carry 115kv's. The park would like the plan to state that the NPS will have the opportunity to comment even on changes to existing utility corridors.

Sincerely,

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