**sandia landscape team PUBLIC MEETING**

**placitas – public comments**

**JULY 22, 2015**

MAINTAIN WILDERNESS

* CHARACTERISTIC/WILDLIFE
* HEALTHY WATER ECO-SYSTEM

INFORMAL QUALITIES OF LIVING IN AREA

PROTECTION OF WATERSHEDS

MINING – IMPACT ON WATER

CULTURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE

**COMMENTS: VISIONS**

OPEN & SAFE AREAS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENJOY

PRIMITIVE AREAS FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY

FOREST ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT

EASY ACCESSIBILITY

ENSURE PROTECTION TO RESOURCES

ENGAGE PEOPLE WHO WOULDN’T GO TO THE FOREST

OUTREACH

1. WHAT DISQUALIFY PROSPECTIVE WILDERNESS AREA
2. APPENDIX LIST “SUBSTANTIALLY NOTICEABLE”
3. COMMENTS SEPTEMBER 25TH – REVIEWED BY THE LANDSCAPE TEAM
4. FIELD TRIPS
5. RECOMMENDATION OF WILDERNESS – LOOKING AT THE QUALIFICATION OF WILDNERNESS

**cultural/traditional**

The Forest Service should consider fencing archaeological and historic sites in Sandia Wilderness area because the area is remote and it would be difficult to monitor the sites for damage.

Bicycles should be confined to designated trails; when they go off trail, bikes cause serious erosion.

This Placitas resident does not want any FS land on the north side of the Sandias to be designated as wilderness. She wants to continue to ride her mountain bike from Placitas westward across FS land to the Bernalillo Watershed loop road. This would not be possible if the land was to become wilderness.