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Logging and ranching were important cultural activities in the D2 5K6 polygon in the Zuni Mountains. Having a wilderness designation in that parcel will interfere with our cultural rights to visit that area which was historically used for ranching and timber.

Our families still enjoy traveling deep into that area; remembering our ancestors and our families' history in the area.

Our family members are getting along in age and still want to and should be allowed to travel into this parcel by motorized vehicle for recreation and for honoring our ancestors who worked there. They should not be blocked out from that area which is important to their heritage.

It is not necessary to designate the D2 5K6 parcel as a wilderness. The family members who go there by motorized vehicle keep it clean and do not destroy the trees. They are respectful of the wildlife and forest plants.

We care about the forest and take care of it. Please do not recommend D2 5K6 as a wilderness.

Thank you.

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