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Cibola National Forest Plan Revision  
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By electronic mail to: [ekohrman@fs.fed.us](mailto:ekohrman@fs.fed.us)

RE: Cibola Wilderness Inventory Extension Request

Dear Forest Service M.P. Revision Personnel and Ms. Elaine Kohrman:

I am writing to request a time extension to the Inventory Phase of the Wilderness Section of the Management Plan Revision Process. Please extend the Inventory deadline to July 15, 2015.

My request for an extension is in response to and based upon the following:

1. As you are aware, I submitted a FOIA request on September 14, 2014. As a result of the information requested, your office requested an additional 10 days to respond to the request. In an effort to be amenable, I agreed. However, during that same conversation, you'll recall that I too requested an extension to the Inventory Phase deadline to allow time to review any information provided by your office in response to the FOIA request. You did not volunteer an extended time deadline then or since which does not show reciprocal good faith. I believe the FOIA request is anticipated to be fulfilled no later than November 3, which gives not many nights and weekends to review the data prior to the deadline.
2. Members of your staff conducted a community involvement meeting on September 11, 2014. The purpose of this meeting was to gather information from the 450 or so attendees. However in our most recent public forum, you agreed that the Sept. 11 meeting was a failure. Due to the failing of your staff, our local community was forced to conduct our own meeting to capture the information your staff failed to capture at the Sept 11 meeting. However, the process was delayed by 32 days between the two meetings and thus I believe at least that amount of time should be added.
3. The USGS interactive web mapping tool has been plagued by inoperability problems which have caused frustration and angst to community members attempting to submit comments. I believe that many of these community members have called or emailed your

staff to report these problems. The time period should be adjusted to compensate for these problems.

4. All of the Chivato Mesa polygons are within an area subject to seasonal closures, as well as two polygons in the Zuni Mountains. That seasonal closure lasts from November 29 through April 16 and will prevent all community access. The closure effectively prevents community members from driving to the inventoried areas to 'survey' the area or record observations of the area 'on the ground'.

In summary, I am asking for a 98 day extension to the inventory phase of this wilderness process, excluding the time period covered by the seasonal closures. If you take into account the time periods shown in statements #1 and #2 above and compensate equally for the 42 days that have been wasted or lost so far; I am requesting an additional 46 days.

Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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