

UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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STEVAN PEARCE
Second District, New Mexico

September 26, 2014

Mr. Cal Joyner, Regional Forester
US Forest Service—Southwest Region
333 Broadway, SE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Dear Mr. Joyner,

As you know, on September 11, 2014, officials from the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands (the Cibola) recently held a public meeting to discuss whether the US Forest Service (USFS) would recommend an area within the Mt. Taylor Ranger District for wilderness designation. While the community appreciated the opportunity to discuss this proposal, many believe that more face-to-face time with representatives from USFS is critical to determine the best way forward.

I will attend a public meeting on October 13, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1601 East Roosevelt Ave) in Grants, NM to discuss this issue. I would like to personally invite you to listen to the concerns of local people about the potential for a wilderness proposal within the Cibola. A short, two-hour public session simply is not enough time for the people to provide specific comments on these complex proposals, and have their voices heard. Affected citizens would like a chance to discuss in-depth the economic impact, past cultural uses, and landscape impacts that a wilderness designation could have in the Cibola.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Steve Pearce
Member of Congress

CC: Elaine Kohrman, Cibola National Forest and Grasslands Supervisor