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November 16, 2015

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan  
United States House of Representatives  
2446 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3103

Dear Representative Lujan:

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (Edgewood SWCD) has reviewed the information for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Wilderness Inventory for the Mountainair and Sandia Ranger Districts. The Edgewood SWCD Board of Supervisors does not agree with creating additional wilderness within the Mountainair or Sandia Ranger Districts.

Edgewood SWCD has several concerns about additional wilderness. They are:

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Sincerely,

David W. King, Chairman

cc: Elaine Korhman; Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest  
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The Honorable Steve Pearce  
United States House of Representatives  
2432 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3102

Dear Representative Pearce:

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The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham  
United States House of Representatives  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3101

Dear Representative Lujan-Grisham:

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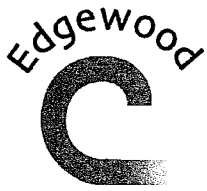
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
United States Senate  
303 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3104

Dear Senator Heinrich:

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United States Senate  
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