



## Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts

### *Evaluation Criteria Definition Matrix and Comment Form*



The Cibola National Forest plan revision interdisciplinary team developed draft questions and measures to address each of the five wilderness characteristic criteria listed in FSH 1909.12, Chapter 70- Wilderness. These are to be used to evaluate the Phase 2 Inventory areas for wilderness characteristics, and are outlined below.

Please use this form to comment on individual areas from the Phase 2 Inventory maps. Please use one form for each individual identification area, and note its identification number and location. If your comment is not addressed in the "considerations" column of each criterion, please include additional information in the "other" narrative section.

You can also comment using the Talking Points Collaborative Mapping Tool available at this website: <https://my.usgs.gov/ppgis/studio/launch/39829>. Please consider the evaluation criteria below when inputting comments on the online mapping tool.

*It is not necessary to make D2 5K6 a wilderness. Do not make D25K6 a wilderness.*

**Inventory Identification Number/Location:**

D2 5K6	Little Water Canyon
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**Criterion 1- Apparent naturalness:** The degree to which an area generally appears to be affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprints of man's work substantially unnoticeable.

**Question 1a. What is the composition of plant and animal communities?** The purpose of this question is to determine if plant and animal communities appear substantially unnatural.

Considerations	Narrative
How are concentrations of invasive plants and/or animals distributed across the land?	Several species of invasive plants are scattered throughout this area.
Other (Include any additional information related to the question above)	The elk in this area are an introduced species.