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Re: Rebuttal to Wilderness Society Plan for Cibola National Forest

Dear Ms. Kohrman,

This is a follow-up to our original letter dated 12 September 2015. In particular we wish to point out an incorrect statement made by the Wilderness Society in their document which presents their plan for wilderness in the Magdalena Mountains. On page 70 in the section entitled "Manageability", they state: *"Based on a conversations with staff at the Langmuir lab, recommending the area for wilderness would not interfere with activities allowed under the University's special use permit."*

However, at a meeting on 6 August 2015 between Langmuir Laboratory staff and Michael B. Casaus (the New Mexico State Director of the Wilderness Society) we stated clearly that a wilderness area would cause direct and harmful impact to Langmuir Laboratory operations and activities granted under New Mexico Tech's special use permit. We informed him that our operations are not limited to only the ridge but extend throughout the Langmuir Research Site as established by Public Law 96-550.

The Langmuir Laboratory continues to object to the creation of a wilderness area in the part of the Cibola National Forest that is located in Magdalena Mountains, and we object to the Wilderness Societies misstatement of our position on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "KEack", written over the name Kenneth Eack.

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