

Cibola National Forest All Units  
Attn: Sarah Browne  
2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Suite A  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

RE: Cibola Forest Revision Plan

Dear Sarah,

My name is Pete Zamora, I am a land owner of the T-diamond Ranch approximately 8 miles south of Magdalena NM.

I'd like to express my concerns that the actions contemplated in this Forest Plan Revision directly impacts me and neighboring ranchers by potentially reducing access and devaluing our property for that of ourselves and our family. Ranchers must have access to their cattle, and limiting motorized vehicles would make livestock management difficult. I do not consider myself disabled, but I am up in age and no longer ride horses, and there are distances that are beyond my physical ability to walk when checking on my cattle, broken fence lines, and making sure there's water.

In reference to the map of the Magdalena Mountains you provided, I do not think the area with wilderness Character D3-5K2 should be approved for wilderness. There are already roads, fences, dozer built dirt tanks, and a water line that provides water to Mule Shoe Ranch located there.

Based on the information at this time, I am supporting Alternative C. It seems to be the only one that respects the customs and culture of all ranchers, wood gatherers, hunters, and many others that utilize the land. It does not discriminate against those who must travel by motorized vehicles due to physical disability. It respects the investments of both federal natural resource agencies and land stewards. The Magdalena Mountains has experienced extreme drought for several years, and if not for the ranchers, there would be a lot of country that would not have water for wildlife or domestic animals.

I think more designation of wilderness, will only lead to increase over growth, with no way to address fires because of the "untrammelled by man" mandate in the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Please consider this ole cowboys concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Zamora". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pete Zamora