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I could not figure out how to make comments through your website, sorry.

RE Proposed Sandia Mountains Outdoor Education/Recreation Center

I feel this would be just another example of government taxpayer waste. The Sandia Ranger District is the appropriate place for visitors to get information on the Sandias and recreational opportunities, and numerous books are available on the Sandia Mountains geology, fauna, flora, and recreation. A separate center would just duplicate this information. Waste, waste, waste!!

RE Mountain biking in wilderness areas. Mountain bikes make far less damage to the ground than grazing, yet grazing has been grandfathered into many wilderness areas in the Southwestern Region. Any area that has significant mountain bike use on established trails (which excludes "extreme" off-trail mountain biking), should be grandfathered in any new wilderness designation. Mountain biking on established trails has been going on for at least two decades, and wildlife has already adapted to this activity.

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