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Comments to preliminary draft Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

The proposed action, Alternative B, is an acceptable action. However, as the best way to protect our public lands is use of the wilderness designation, Alternative E is preferable.

Forest Service should consider changing guidelines to standards as practicable to give the RMP some teeth.

I have one concern. Like its brethren in Dona Ana, the Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District has become extremely politicized and has come out publicly against almost everything that the Sierra Club stands for. All users of our public lands should have an input to the RMP, including the Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District, but to have the district be a central organization in developing the RMP is a red flag to me. I hope that the Forest Service keeps the Soil and Water District politics out of the process.

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