**Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts**

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|  Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Plan Revision July 2016 |  Alternate B | 179  | 3-5  | The creation of a dark skies designated area will benefit the community of Magdalena as well as the state of New Mexico by promoting astro-tourism and maintaining one of its most pristine natural resources our “dark skies” free of light pollution. The area selected on the proposed map has some of the darkest skies free of light pollution in the United States This proposed “dark skies” area is supported by The Magdalena Astronomical Society, The New Mexico Astronomical Society and The New Mexico Department of Tourism, The Magdalena Chamber of Commerce. For additional information please see the attached original proposal and request to Cibola National Forest Service for a dark skies designated area by the Magdalena Astronomical Society.  |
|  “ “ “ “ | Alternate E (larger area for Dark Skies) | 185  | 18  | The creation of a dark skies designated area will benefit the community of Magdalena as well as the state of New Mexico by promoting astro- tourism and maintaining one of its most pristine natural resources our “dark skies”. This proposed “dark skies” area is supported by The Magdalena Astronomical Society, The New Mexico Astronomical Society and The New Mexico Department of Tourism, The Magdalena Chamber of Commerce. **Extending the are as suggested in Alternate E will create a larger perimeter for “Dark Skies” free of light pollution allowing a broader are for observation of the night sky.**  For additional information please see the attached original proposal and request to Cibola National Forest Service for a dark skies designated area by the Magdalena Astronomical Society.  |
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