



November 19, 2021

Michiko Martin, Regional Forester
USDA Forest Service
333 Broadway Blvd. SE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Re: Cibola National Forest Plan Interested Person Request

Regional Forester Martin:

Please accept this request for “interested person” status pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 219.57 concerning the following-described objections to the Cibola National Forest Plan Revision.

This request is made on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity (“the Center”) by:

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As demonstrated by the Center’s comments submitted on the Cibola Forest Plan Revision Draft EIS in 2019, and the Center’s objections to the Proposed Forest Plan Revision and Final EIS earlier this month, the Center has an interest in a wide range of issues concerning forest management addressed by the proposed plan, including livestock grazing, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, fuels and vegetation management, climate change, protection of wildlife species and habitats, recreation management, and water resources, to name a few.

The following objection, to which we request interested person status, raises one or more of these issues, and implicates the Center’s interests in management of the Cibola National Forest:

Objection of Western Watersheds Project (dated Nov. 1, 2021), which raises issues of interest to the Center concerning the management of, and the Plan Revision FEIS’s analysis of, livestock grazing, and wildlife impacted by such grazing. The Center is generally supportive of this objection.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions about this request, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E B Zukoski' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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