

November 22, 2021

Michiko Martin Reviewing Officer USDA Forest Service Attn: Cibola Plan Revision Interested Persons Request 333 Broadway Blvd. SE Albuquerque, NM 87102

Submitted via the CARA portal

Dear Ms. 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 New Mexico Wilderness Alliance ("New Mexico Wild") by:

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Evident by our own objection and comments submitted over the past five or more years, including on the Cibola Forest Plan Revision Draft EIS in 2019, the Proposed Forest Plan Revision and Final EIS earlier this month, and the draft wilderness inventory and evaluation, New Mexico Wild has a vested interest in the protection and conservation of our public lands and waters including sensible grazing practices, fuels and vegetation management, climate change, and species management.

Each of the following objections, to which we request interested person status, raises one or more of these issues, and implicates New Mexico Wild's interests in management of the Cibola National Forest:

• <u>Objection of the Center for Biological Diversity</u> (dated Nov. 1, 2021), concerning issues of livestock grazing management, climate change, and general public lands and waters protection. New Mexico Wild is supportive of this objection.



• <u>Objection of Western Watersheds Project</u> (dated Nov. 1, 2021), concerning the management of, and the Plan Revision FEIS's analysis of, wildlife management. New Mexico Wild is supportive of this objection.

We look forward to helping the Cibola National Forest find solutions to these significant issues to ensure holistic, comprehensive, and thoughtful management of the forest.

Sincerely,

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