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Dear Ms. Kohrman:
Greetings from Hidalgo County, New Mexico
COUNTY MANAGER
BOB HILL
Please accept this letter as Hidalgo County, New Mexico's comments regarding the Cibola Forest Revision Plan. The Cibola National Forest does not include any lands within the boundary of Hidalgo County, but we, the Hidalgo County Commiss ioners of New Mexico do feel that decisions made in any National Forest, definitely do affect us, and will continue to affect us in the future.
We depend upon the livestock industry for the majority of our tax base. Hidalgo County strongly stresses the importance of health, safety, and welfare of all of its citizens.
Based on what information we have regarding this revision plan, we want to support Alternative C.
We, as responsible Commissioners of our county are tired of watching thousands of acres of forest depleted because of catastrophic fires throughout the United States. The protection that designating wilderness areas is supposed to give, creates over-growth of trees, brush, and plants .... the perfect mix for a massive wildfire. Custom and cu lture should be of value regarding the citizens of the United States, including ranchers, hunters, recreationalist s, wood cutters/gatherers due to the fact that these people routinely utilize these lands ... and Alternative C would enhance this.
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Thank you for your consideration of these comments.
Respectfully,
Marianne Stewart
Chairman
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