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Cibola Forest Plan Revision Prelim DraftGeneral Management of All Vegetation Types: Standards23 1-43 Plan standards and guidelines seem to lose focus of Forest, Range and Watershed health and focus on tree health and regulation compliance. (Example Page 23 General Management of All Veg. Standards). Plan needs to focus on Forest, Range, Soil and Watershed Health and proper function of ecological process.

Cibola Forest Plan Revision Prelim Draft Ecological Classification195-14TEUI is a FS classification system only used in Region III. Is complicated and confusing to public. Hard to comment on something only FS uses. Ecological Site Descriptions are more widely used and understood by public. ESD's also reflect current best science. Recommend using ESD instead of TEUI.

Cibola Forest Plan Revision Prelim DraftForest Vegetation Types23-51 Current science does not support use of PNVT and linear approach to plant community dynamics such as seral stages. FS need s to use current Science of Ecological Site Description State and Transition models. The seral stage concept does not adequately describe or model plant community dynamics and lead to disagreement on desired plant communities and planned management activities.

Chapter 2All19-126 This section presentation of Standards and Guidelines is inconsistent. Some sections have Standards and Guidelines, some only have a standard or a guideline and others don't have either.

Cibola Forest Plan Revision Prelim DraftRecommended Wilderness 131-133 NMACD does not support the designation of additional Wilderness areas within the Cibola Forest. Takes away FS ability to manage for forest, rangelands, watershed and soils health. Wilderness designation is equivalent to the do nothing decision and therefore does nothing in the long run to I improve forest health. In addition of D4-ADJ1-J8 as wilderness areas would deny public access to the west side of the Manzano Mountain Wilderness.

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