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Comment:

From: PAUL E ROCKHOLD

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 11:05 AM

To: comments-southwestern-cibola@FS-FED-US

Subject: US Forest Service. comments against expanding wilderness areas.

To whom it may concern,

We are totally against the expansion/addition of Wilderness/and Special Management Areas in the State of New Mexico .The removal of any of these areas from Public use is tantamount to a government takeover and prohibition of land use by the citizens who financially support it. When these lands are removed from public use it stops access to hunting and fishing by men and women who have added additional funds to the coffers by their purchase of licenses. Those who prospect and collect rocks under the 1882 mining law be prohibited from already established roads in these areas to enjoy their hobbies, as will bird watchers an other wild life enjoyers.

On a personal note I am 80 years old and my wife close behind and we still enjoy the National Forests. With age related back problems we are hard pressed to walk very far so we need to rely on 4 wheel drive or UTV vehicles on our prospecting and rock hunting trips. Your proposed legislation would prohibit our access to OUR National Forest.

Director

of America

Sincerely,

Paul E. Rockhold

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