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Comments: Cibola National Forest Mountial Ranger Districts Plan Revision

Hi-

Please find attached my comments on both the Preliminary Draft Plan and the mt taylor Map.

Of the alternate plans, the one that aligns most with my use is alternative E. I enjoy hiking and running, and prefer peace and solitude. I would value a management plan that allocates some areas of Mt Taylor for ATV and excludes them from other areas. Currently, it seems as if ATVs feel allowed to forge new trails where ever they like and damage steep trails that are unsuited to their use. (my opinion)

As a race director of the Mt Taylor 50K, would like to see a softening of the language that excludes competitive events from wilderness areas. Please see attached form.

Thanks-

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Comment Form for use with

Preliminary Draft Plan, Wilderness Process Paper, and all maps

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Preliminary Draft Plan and Resource management plan Chapter 3 Management areas and designated areas  
132 25 &26 I believe that trail running races do not adversely impact infrequently traveled wilderness areas.  
Recommend softening the language to: "Competitive events should only be allowed if they are compatible with  
nature and the principles of wilderness area. Permit applications should stress the maintenance of wilderness  
character, limit participant numbers and effect on the trail users.

Maps - Mount Taylor Ranger DistrictAlternative E 1 I support the wilderness designation of all the proposed  
areas. Especially in the last 3 years, I have seen the single track trails on Mt Taylor be widened and scarred by  
ATV use. I support the designation of these wilderness areas to restrict ATV use to the current extensive jeep  
road system in place. I also support the wild and scenic rivers designation on this map (version E).

