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Alternative ASandia Ranger District No change: preferred option

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Alternative B Sandia Ranger District The intent of the "Draft Management Area" 2016 is not specified clearly, and encompasses existing trail areas of the Sandia Mountains. There should be no new educational management areas that could potentially limit two wheeled travel in that or any existing areas that cater to mountain biking, hiking, and equestrian travel. This is a potentially limiting options in relation to recreational pursuits in these well used areas. There isn't a need for new management areas as there is difficulty in managing existing special use areas. There should be no changes made that will hinder the growth of mountain biking and hiking trails (recreation) in the area of the Sandia Mountains.

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There should be no new Management areas due to the potential to limit recreational growth in the Sandias.

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Alternative ESandia Ranger District There should be no new wilderness areas in the Sandia Mountains as this would limit potential for two-wheeled non-motorized recreation. This is not a desirable option and limits recreational growth and trail management.

The Management area proposed for the Cedro area (Manzanitas) is not appropriate either. Trail expansion for multi-use recreation is already planned in this area, (cedro restoration project) and it would be contradictory to manage these areas for special use. Any management that would limit two-wheeled recreation in this area (motorized or non-motorized) is inappropriate and limiting. This is a heavily used trail area, and special management could hinder two-wheels recreation in the future.

FS draft plan Sandia RD

Respectfully,

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