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Comments: The following letter has been entered by FS personnel; it represents one of 1,161 total form letters received in support of the proposed Citizen's Conservation Proposal submitted by a New Mexico coalition of sportsmen and conservation organizations on September 25, 2015 to the Cibola National Forest:

Date: Elaine Kohrman, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands 2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113 Re: Support for Conservation Proposal in the Cibola National Forest I am writing to express my support for the proposed Citizen's Conservation Proposal submitted by a New Mexico coalition of sportsmen and conservation organizations on September 25, 2015 to the Cibola National Forest. The proposal identifies seven (7) separate geographic areas, that should be recommended for wilderness designation in the Cibola National Forest Plan. These lands are located respectively in the San Mateo, Magdalena, Bear, and Datil Mountains and northwest of Mt. Taylor. These wilderness quality lands offer sportsmen/women quality big game and upland game bird hunting and other recreational opportunities in remote roadless areas. Their designation will not affect or restrict access if incorporated into the Cibola NF Plan. Wilderness is the highest level of protection for our public lands and is designed to protect lands and wildlife in their natural setting that is not influenced by development. If the forest service incorporates these areas into their plan, they will be managed as wilderness until Congress takes action -designates them as wilderness or removes them from wilderness consideration. In the face of ever-increasing threats of resource extraction and over- development, I urge you to safeguard these high value conservation lands now to protect our economy, natural heritage, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and livelihood for present and future generations. Sincerely, Signature: Print Name: Address: City: Zip Code: E-mail: Phone: CC:New Mexico Congressional Delegation, Gov.Suzanna Martinez, NM State Legislators & local elected officials in the conservation areas and NM Backcountry Hunters & Anglers