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Re: OBJECTIONS Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 218.8 on Stateline Range NEPA Project, Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest, and Clifton Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

Dear Reviewing Officers:

The Center for Biological Diversity ("the Center") hereby submits the attached objections to the Gila and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest's Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the Stateline Range NEPA Project.

Project Objected To

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 218.8(d)(4), the Center objects to the following project:

Project: Stateline Range NEPA Project, Catron and Grant Counties, Gila National Forest, New Mexico, and Greenlee County, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Arizona.

Responsible Official and Ranger District: Ed Holloway, Clifton Ranger District and Erick Stemmerman, Glenwood Ranger District.

Timeliness

These objections are timely filed. Notice of the FEA, DDN, and FONSI was published in the Silver City Daily Press on July 3, 2019.[1]

Lead Objector

As required by 36 C.F.R. § 218.8(d)(3), the Center designate the "Lead Objector" as follows:

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The objection is attached. Thank you and do not hesitate to contact.

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^[1] See Legal Notice, Silver City Daily Press and Independent (July 3, 2019), reproduced at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22466 (last viewed August 13, 2019). The 45th day after the date of the July 3 notice falls on Saturday, August 17, so the objection period expires at 11:59 PM Mountain time on the next business day, Monday August 19. See 36 C.F.R. § 218.6(a).