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To the Forest Planner,

We live in the Mt Taylor ranger district and the El Malpais Conservation area. We are not highly educated on all of the forest proposals, but as a citizen and a concerned forest user, we have some points that we would like to share.

- 1) Government control is getting bigger, and bigger. I, personally don't want to see the people burdened with more taxes to pay for all this control. With control come more restrictions as we see with El Malpais Conservation area.
- 2) I hear proponents for environmental control say we need to make our forest a wilderness area to preserve the forest for generations to come. I do not see how the forest, in its current state will not be there for generations to come. It has done well for centuries.
- 3) This area is a depressed area and they rely heavily upon firewood to heat their homes. These are hard working people who go and cut down dead trees to provide heat, this in turn also helps to clean the forest, which helps to prevent forest fires. When using firewood for heat, they are not using up other natural resources such as gas or electricity. Citizens of our area don't freeze in winter because they have heat they can afford. People have burned wood for heat for centuries.
- 4) I would like to see our tourism area make trails for 4 wheelers and such for outdoor activities, which would promote revenue for our area. There are not too many designated trail rides.
- 5) If there are any specific, proven issues that is hurting our forest, maybe it can be resolved on a case by case basis.
- 6) Simply put, making this a wilderness area blocks people from enjoying the forest fully.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of our concerns

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Sincerely,.