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Comments: Retain existing recreational uses of trails, including those designated for motorcycle and mountain bikes. Identify existing climbing areas in any new lands with wilderness characteristics.

Build more trails for interconnectivity of existing MTB/moto trails. Too many trails lack interconnections for more varied riding and dispersal of MTB, moto, and hikers.

Retain access along existing roads for transmission and distribution lines coming through the CNF. Work w/utilities to identify existing access they use so it can continue to be accessed.

Increase the number vegetation management/tree thinning projects on the Sandia RD to limit and mitigate the potential for catastrophic wildfires. Particularly implement CFRP projects (like the La Madera CFRP effort) in areas adjacent to communities and existing recreational areas such as those on the west side of the Sandias. This would include various areas such as La Cueva, Chimney, Echo, and TWA Canyons. A high-intensity fire would destroy much of the climbing due to heat spalling, resulting in the destruction of a valued local recreational resource. Basically, do more to reduce the fuel load.

Turn the Sandia Mtn Wilderness into a roadless area and remove the wilderness designation. This would facilitate fuel load reduction in the area proximal to 1 million plus people. It would also increase the potential for more diverse recreation.