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These comments refer to the Phase Two proposed Wilderness designation on forest and private lands in the southern end of the San Mateo mountain range of the Magdalena Ranger District and specifically on the San Juan Grazing Allotment.

My comments of November 15, 2014 still apply in full to the remaining proposed areas in Phase Two. Being on site, one can clearly recognize the difference in terrain and other physical features between the existing Apache Kid Wilderness and the San Juan Allotment described or identified as area D3Adj8.C. I am including a map showing existing improvements as well as some that were left off of the San Juan Allotment and a few comments

1. pipelines, drinkers, storages, windmill along road 962 and 964A
2. pipeline, storage and drinker at west end of road 965
3. Road 965 passes through two parcels of private land.
4. The proposed wilderness partially surrounds these parcels of private land which include a windmill, large storage tank, large pit tank and a large set of livestock corrals and barbed wire holding pens plainly visible from the close by proposed wilderness.
5. A substantial amount of open grasslands not heavily forested are included in the proposal.
6. Numerous barbed wire fences and gates plainly visible throughout the allotment separating pastures and establishing perimeters.
7. Along road 966 there is a very large water storage tank with drinker, large pit tank, barbed wire corral surrounding the tank and a close by corral with drinker along road 966.
8. At the end of road 966 on a parcel of private land is a water storage tank and drinker and a

developed spring which provides water to livestock and wildlife through a black plastic waterline that lays above ground for approximately 1.5 miles within the proposed wilderness.

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9. There is the remnant of a mine which was excavated within the last 10 to 12 years extending approximately 300 feet down into the ground. After an individual lost his life during the project; the State of N. M. required the mine entrance be sealed.

The location is marked on the enclosed map.

10. At the location where road 967, 9678 and 968 meet there is a windmill, another large steel water storage tank, two drinkers, a pit tank, a set of livestock corrals and barbed wire holding pens.

11. Along road 972 is a steel water storage tank and drinker.

The remaining portion of the San Juan Allotment located in area D3Adj8.C on the Phase Two

Wilderness Map should be removed from further consideration due to its numerous man made improvements that are substantially noticable, its lack of solitude, wide spread roads and unimproved camp* sites that are used extensively each year during the various hunting seasons and throughout the year by campers.

The lands depicted in area D3ADJ1\$.c did not meet Wilderness Criteria at the time of the Apache Kid Wilderness designation and due to extensive man made improvements in the view area since that time; such as interstate 25, various state highways / county roads & power lines; communication towers, houses, barns and other buildings; the mentioned lands do not qualify today either for Wilderness Designation.

I am enclosing a copy of my Phase One comments that still pertain~ Phase Two,,

Thank you, Jll ,

9th Dec 2014/1PL/"

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These comments refer to proposed wilderness designation to forest or private lands in the southern End of the San Mateo mountain range of the Magdalena Ranger District.

I own a grazing permit for the San Juan Grazing allotment. My family has operated that allotment for many years. We are very familiar with the lands in that allotment and their characteristics as well as existing roads, man made improvements, wildlife populations and the multiple uses of that property. The allotment is located on the South east side of the San Mateo mountain range and in an area identified as D3ADJ8 and D35K17 on a wilderness inventory map handed out at your meeting in Socorro. The allotment joins a portion of the existing Apache Kid Wilderness; however the terrain and characteristics of the land differ dramatically. The existing wilderness lays along the top of the San Mateo Range and is isolated and difficult to access. The San Juan allotment occupies the East side of the San Mateos and quickly slopes down to open flats and Interstate 25.

The following is a partial list of why the Forest Service lands on the San Juan allotment and the East slope of the San Mateo Mts. Do not meet the characteristics of a wilderness designation.

1. Vehicle traffic on Interstate 25 and N. M. highway 107 and highway 1 is easily seen moving during Daylight hours.
2. Vehicle lights on I-25 and NM Highway 107 are easily seen during darkness.
3. Glare from windshields of vehicles moving on I-25 is prevalent during the day.
4. Numerous buildings associated with glare and lights along I-25 that include two reststop areas, one Truckstop and convenience center, a N. M. Dept storage yard and numerous residences, barns and associated infrastructure and buildings.
5. At least, three cell towers and communication towers extending several hundred feet into the air and seen plainly during the daytime and especially at night due to their blinking lights.
6. Numerous above ground power lines crossing the area.
7. The already planned construction of two 500 KVA power lines known as the Sun Zia project to be constructed in the very near future.
8. Numerous man made water storage tanks, windmills, corrals, drinking tubs and pipelines, some of which lay on top of the ground for miles.
9. Miles and miles of fences.
10. A flying area used by military aircraft from Albuquerque can be seen and are very noisy during these training missions over the proposed wilderness areas.
11. Wood cutting areas are constantly used.

12. Numerous roads, approximately 38 miles of various classes of Roads, that allow for multiple uses by USFS personnel, ranchers, sportsmen and hunters, sightseers, law enforcement, emergency responders and others on this allotment alone.

13. On a clear morning and with the following from the East, vehicle noise can be heard from 1-25 miles. The open nature of the terrain along with its many roads and closeness to paved highways allows this area to be a popular camping spot during hunting seasons. Those camps usually contain generators to provide power, ATVs for riders of all ages and RVs of all sizes including large motor homes. The inclusion of USFS lands on the East side of the San Mateo mountains in a wilderness designation will make it impossible for my family to operate the San Juan allotment due to restrictions on motorized vehicles and equipment, maintenance needs, supplemental feeding, livestock care and providing water for livestock and wildlife. Forest Service policies are already difficult to comply with. Due to my extensive experience and familiarity with the terrain being considered for Wilderness designation on the east side of the San Mateo mountains in areas 03Adj8 and De5K17; I can assure you that wilderness characteristics such as solitude, little or no imprint from humans, geological, paleontological etc. are not present and this area should not be considered for Wilderness inventory. The area should remain in its current multiple use category.

Thank you