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RE: Cibola Management Plan Revision Process and Travel Management Plan

Dear Ms. Kohrman:

The Wilderness Prevention Forum on October 13th, organized by members of the State of New Mexico Senate District 30, for which I am the Senator, highlighted the concerns of my community regarding the Cibola Management Plan Revision, the Wilderness Inventory discussion associated therewith, and the Travel Management Plan that has been enacted in the last couple of years.

Each of these activities under your purview have the potential to limit economic development within this district, restrict subsistence activities for members of our community (such as fuel wood, pinon gathering, and hunting), prevent recreational opportunities, and generally disrupt our way of life.

Consequently, I am writing to request that you take the following actions:

* I understand that the current deadline for the Inventory Phase of the Wilderness discussion is November 21, 2014. Given the fact that your staff has not surveyed the lands that you propose as wilderness areas and the Forest Service is relying on public input to generate the data to determine exclusions, it seems reasonable to expect that this deadline be extended until July 1, 2015.

* At the Forum I attended on October 13th and since then, much of the dismay and comments I have received revolve around the Travel Management Plan, instituted by your predecessor, Nancy Rose. My constituents have expressed numerous complaints about the lack of meaningful input in that process and the disruptions to their way of life that have resulted from your implementation of road closures. Based upon the information that I have been presented, the current Travel Management Plan for the Mt. Taylor Ranger District should be withdrawn. I recommend that you undertake the process anew to allow meaningful public input that was obviously lacking during the former process.

As State Senator for many of the counties affected by your decisions, I would request a response concerning the above action items. I also request continued correspondence concerning actions taken by your staff related to the Management Plan Revision and implementation of a new Travel Management Plan process on Cibola National Forest Lands, particularly as they affect Cibola, McKinley, Socorro, San Juan, Valencia, and Bernalillo counties.

Sincerely,

Clemente Sanchez