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Comments: Comments on Cibola Wilderness Expansion Near The Horse Mountain Ranch

The Cibola National Forest is committed to involving the public in developing a Plan that will result in sustainable management of resources, goods, and services for the next 15 years. Highland Hill Farm of Fountainville Pa has a long track record for allowing open space uses of our farm and ranch assets for the general public. We wish to bring the Forest Service up to date on the uses we are in process of developing for our Magdalena NM Ranch Known as Horse Mountain Ranch.

Highland Hill Farm applied for 2 airport landing strips for public use at the Horse Mountain Ranch. This ranch is app 17 miles from Interstate 25,Exit 115 and app 28 miles south of Magdalena New Mexico on State Road 107. The expansion of the Wilderness area in the adjacent mountain forest areas will be adversely effected by noise generated by these facilities and traffic . There are two areas additionally that will each have 50 RV Campsites. These areas will also adversely effect any Wilderness Area expansion To the Cibola National Forest. We are also planning a spring water Collect site for RV vehicles that is on a private water right that is located adjacent to the Proposed area where the wilderness is to be expanded. We feel that any change of use to a Wilderness Area of the adjacent mountain areas will not qualify for Wilderness Declaration due to these expanding uses that the adjacent areas will contain. The noise levels from helicopter and drones will certainly be effecting a quality wilderness experience. These areas will also be visible from the proposed Wilderness expansion area.

We expect construction to begin in July of 2015.

Highland Hill Farm has this link to show more details on the Airports and Campsites at this link http://highlandhillfarm.com/HorseMtRecreationalArea.html

Highland has other approved airports in Montana, New York, Pa, Va, and New Mexico. We also have Indian Artifact Hunting Sites at our Milk River Ranch in Montana, Wilson Ranch in Malta Montana, Flying x Ranch in New Mexico and Milan Pa.

We also operate a River Bank Campground in Milan Pa.

We have a recreational Opps page for our Ranches and Farms at....http://huntingrelics.com/RanchAndFarmsWesternUS.html

Enclosed in a Copy of the FAA Airport Certification Applications for the Rosedale Road Airport and the Tigner Ranch Airport.

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