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Comments: Input on Cibola national forest wilderness inventory

please find attachment of my input on your proposed possible wilderness expansion in the Cibola national forest.

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Comments on Cibola National Forest wilderness inventorying mapping plan

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The following are my commits on the wilderness mapping plan for the Cibola National Forest:

MAGDALENA RANGER DISTRICT

Inventory areas D3_5K1, D3_5K2 and D3_5K3 are all in an area known for a variety minerals such as gold, silver, manganese, etc. Many old mines, prospect holes, and old roads exist throughout this area in support of previous mining activities.

As stated in your assessment report, an area of previous mining activity is a good indicator for future potential for mining activity. I am part owner of placer mining claims in the D3_5K2 area and am extracting gold in this from the stream beds.

The forest in this area needs to remain multiple use so that all of the public can access all of the public lands in this area for their reasons. This includes miners, prospectors, wood cutters, loggers, grazing lease holders, hunters, campers, hikers, etc. New Mexico already has enough wilderness areas.

Leaving this area open means that good forest management practices can be carried on such thinning, control burning, erosion control, etc.

Multiple use Public Lands provide far more support to local economies than wilderness which only a select few can enjoy.

OTHER CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST DISTRICTS

Any of the other wilderness study areas that contain remains of mining activities or known minerals of value should be excluded from wilderness consideration because of future possible extraction of these valuable and needed resources.

The overall goal of managing the public lands should be to keep as much of it as possible available to the public as a whole and not tie up a bunch of it in restricted access to only a few special individuals.

Thank you for consideration my input

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