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There are numerous lode and placer claims WITHIN the areas mapped for possible wilderness. I've attached an Excel file containing a list of all current active claims for Grant, Socorro, Lincoln, Sierra, Santa Fe and Catron counties. The data source was obtained from BLM's LR2000 website on 10/23/14. The data can be easily "filtered" by county, township, range and section.

Any areas with active claims should NOT be considered for inclusion into a "wilderness".

Many people have paid significant dollars to acquire these claims and should be able to work them without "new" restrictions. Restrictions for wilderness areas do not permit vehicle entry or operation of drywashers or other mechanical equipment on placer claims. This would essentially make their claims worthless.

I've also included a picture of structures near gold claims by Aragon Hill. This area should NOT be considered for inclusion into a wilderness area. A wilderness area should not have this much of a "human" footprint. GPS coordinates are on the attached picture.

Please confirm by e-mail if you received this e-mail, AND are able to download both attachments.

Thank you,

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