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Comments: We are interested in the resolution of Comexico's objection to the recommendation of the Thompson Peak area for wilderness designation, as envisioned by the Santa Fe National Forest's proposed alternative. As a public lands advocacy organization, New Mexico Wild is committed to the creation, preservation, and defense of Wilderness Areas as well as the general conservation of wild lands, waters, and wildlife. We submitted numerous comments during the forest planning process in support of the Thompson Peak recommended wilderness area. In fact, we have been working for nearly two decades to establish protective designations for the area and urged the Forest Service to expand the Thompson Peak boundaries in our own objection. We submitted these comments during the wilderness inventory and evaluation stage of the process as well as the draft forest plan stage, and again in our objection to the final forest plan.

We vehemently oppose Comexico's objections on environmental, conservation, moral, and legal grounds.

Please include New Mexico Wild as an interested party to this objection, as the resolution has the potential for direct and long-lasting impacts to a critical area with many conservation values and resources.