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Comments: To the Forest Service:

Attached please find the request of the Center for Biological Diversity to be designated an interested person in several objections to the proposed Santa Fe National Forest Plan Revision.

As demonstrated by the Center's comments submitted on the Santa Fe Forest Plan Revision

Draft EIS in 2019, and the Center's objections to the Proposed Forest Plan Revision and Final

EIS earlier this month, the Center has an interest in a wide range of issues concerning forest

management addressed by the proposed plan, including but not limited to livestock grazing,

wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, fuels and vegetation management, climate change, protection

of wildlife species and habitats, recreation management, and water resources.

Each of the following objections, to which we request interested person status, raises one or

more of these issues, and implicates the Center's interests in management of the Santa Fe

National Forest:

Objection of Western Watersheds Project (dated Nov. 1, 2021), which raises issues of

interest to the Center concerning the management of, and the Plan Revision FEIS's

analysis of, livestock grazing, and wildlife impacted by such grazing. The Center is

generally supportive of this objection.

Objection of NM Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (dated Oct. 21, 2021)

which raises issues of interest to the Center concerning land acquisition, special uses, and

wild horse and burro management. The Center has questions about this objection.

Objection of Valerie Gremillion, Ph.D (dated Nov. 1, 2021), which raises issues

concerning the Forest Service's analysis of vegetation treatments and climate change.

The Center has questions about this objection.

Objection of Comexico LLC (dated Nov. 1, 2021), which raises issues concerning the

designation and protection of certain wilderness lands on the Forest. The Center has questions about this objection.

Objection of Craig Jolly (dated Oct. 31, 2021), which raises issues concerning the Plan's management of livestock grazing. The Center has questions about this objection.

Objection of Wild Watershed (dated Oct. 29, 2021), which raises issues concerning the Plan's management of white pines, and the air quality impacts of prescribed fire. The Center has questions about this objection.

Objection of New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (dated Sep. 24, 2021), which raises issues concerning the management of vegetation and fire on the Forest. The Center has questions about this objection.

Objection of William Gooch (dated Oct. 16, 2021) requesting that the whole plan be scrapped b/c of the plan's over-aggressive approach to logging and burning in the name of restoration/resilience. The Center has questions about this objection.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions about this request, please let me know.

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