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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today, on behalf of my family, to comment on the Cibola National Forest Revision Plans. As ranchers and allotment owners, we feel that the Alternative C is the best choice. Here are a few of our reasons:

- It does not discriminate against those who must travel by a wheeled device due to physical disability.

- It provides for the use of federal lands by the greatest amount of the population.

- It respects the custom and culture of all New Mexico ranchers, wood gatherers, hunters, fisherman, and many others who routinely utilize these lands.

- Alternative C also respects the investments of both federal natural resources agencies and land stewards in infrastructure that supports both wildlife and domestic animals.

In addition, the location and close proximity to public highways, communities and facilities of Alternatives B, D AND E are impractical to be considered wilderness and special designation options. Here are a few more reasons we are opposed to these Alternatives.

- Impacted allotment owners who pay for their access and improvements on their allotments, are restricted from being able to properly manage and access their improvements further hindering them from practicing good range management. They will also present access issues for their contracted allotments, working facilities and watering facilities.

-Written documentation does not match the maps provided. Maps contain areas of designation that are not mentioned in the written document.

- We believe there is an overall lack of clarity in this document and its' potential on allotment owners and land stewards. Allotment owners have a legal contract with the U.S. government and hold water rights under the New Mexico state law.

We appreciate your consideration regarding these issues.

Sincerely,
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