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Comments: 1. White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Safety Office:

Historically there has been an ammunition and explosives (AE) mission (footprint) within the Lincoln National Forest (LNF). Such as storage, testing and other activities. It is in the Army's and national securities and defense best interest that this remains in future documents and is mentioned with in the final EIS. There is no mention of these type of activities within the DEIS.

2. WSMR Test Center:

This DEIS makes no mention of WSMR's special use of the LNF. The use of Sacramento Peak, Alamo Peak and other sites within the LNF by the Army and WSMR is essential to the improvement of test articles and maintaining our nation's security and Defense. The Preferred Alternative will be the preferred choice by the US Army and WSMR, this alternative will have little to no effect on the test programs and communication towers that WSMR uses in the LNF. WSMR's use of the land should be taken into consideration and included within the DEIS and the Final EIS and should not be overlooked in any potential future wilderness designations or any other changes in land use. A small discussion of WSMR's types of activities that the Department of Defense (DoD) utilizes in the LNF should be included in the Final EIS. The mention of the DoD uses and the process of obtaining special use permits would be beneficial to LNF and WSMR and the DoD.

3. WSMR Garrison Environmental Division:

The Land Management Plan and environmental impact analysis could benefit from the consideration of how the DoD uses the resources of the LNF. Even though the use is minimal, a comparison would be a value added. Military exercises around Sacramento Peak and Alamo Peak are not equivalent to recreational use. The need for a special use permit and the use of land within the LNF are watered down without this detail. A small discussion in the Final EIS would be vastly important to WSMR, DoD and our nations security and defense. If the preferred alternative is not selected and one of the larger wilderness designation alternatives is selected, then the DoD might not have the option for a special use permit to be re-issued. This would have a large negative effect to the DoD, WSMR, Research Testing Development and Engineering and Communication missions that are hosted by WSMR and the DoD which are utilized on LNF property.