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Comments: I own and operate Angel Canyon Ranch with my family. I am writing in opposition to the wilderness characteristics designation of SRD 52, SRD 58, and SRD 60. As stated in Figure B-4 of appendix B Vol 2 of LNF Draft Environmental Impact Statement parts of my Cuevo grazing allotment are located within the polygons SRD 58 and SRD 60. I believe the objectives of designating these parcels of land are not needed because the opportunity already exists to find solitude and pursue primitive recreation and would not be in the best interest of the forest lands selected. These parcels should be disqualified from consideration because of the infrastructure that are on the grazing allotments in these areas.

The six affected grazing allotment owners have presented a power point documenting the amount of infrastructure that exists and are not shown on the draft EIS maps to the Forest Supervisor, Travis Moseley, and FS Planner, Diane Prather, and also their concerns on how to manage their livestock operation with this designation.

The water for the infrastructure and facilities within these polygons came off these adjacent private lands. Without this water the wilderness experience is greatly diminished because sighting of wildlife would be rare. The rules pertaining to wilderness designation prevent us from maintaining our pipelines, storages, drinkers, and earthen tanks, severely degrading the base value of our ranches and jeopardizing our livelihood and ability to make a living. We are a 4th generation family in the Sacramento Mountains to raise cattle, horses, and our families. I would ask you to consider our customs and culture