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Re:Carson National Forest Plan Interested Person Request

Regional Forester Martin:

Please accept this request for "interested person" status pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 219.57 concerning the following-described objections to the Carson National Forest Plan Revision.

This request is made on behalf of Western Watersheds Project (WWP) by:

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As demonstrated by the WWP's comments submitted on the Carson Forest Plan Revision Draft EIS in 2019, and WWP's objections to the Proposed Forest Plan Revision and Final EIS earlier this month, WWP has an interest issues concerning forest management addressed by the proposed plan, including but not limited to livestock grazing, vegetation management, protection of wildlife species and habitats, 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 WWP's interests in management of the Carson National Forest:

Objection of the Center for Biological Diversity (dated Nov. 1, 2021), which raises issues of interest to WWP concerning the management of, and the Plan Revision FEIS's analysis of, livestock grazing, and wildlife impacted by such grazing.

Objection of Amigos Bravos et al. (dated Nov. 1, 2021), which raises issues of interest to WWP concerning: water quality standards. WWP is generally supportive of this objection.

Objection of NM Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (dated Oct. 31, 2021) which raises issues of interest to WWP concerning the impacts of livestock grazing on wildlife. WWP is generally supportive of this objection.

Objection of Rio Arriba County (dated Oct. 30, 2021), which raises issues of interest to WWP concerning the management and analysis of livestock grazing, valid existing rights, historic and cultural uses of the area, and the use of the best available science. WWP has questions about this objection.

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

Sincerely,

Cyndi Tuell