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Comments: Dear Ms. Martin:

I have submitted comments on the Santa Fe National Forest Draft Plan during the comment period and I am now requesting to be part of the objection process. I am writing in opposition to the objections entered by New Mexico Wilderness Alliance (New Mexico Wild) and the Center for Biological Diversity. I am primarily concerned about the proposed expansion of wilderness near the Santa Clara Pueblo Reservation. I am concerned about the Guaje Canyon Recommended Wilderness Area and the Polvadera Recommended Wilderness Areas E53A and E53B. These two recommended wilderness areas should not be approved due to their effects on traditional uses, cultural resources, and natural resources that are vital for the continuation of Santa Clara Puebloan lifeways. This proposed wilderness will adversely affect these resources that the tribe depends on for ceremony, sustainability, and other uses.

In general, I am also concerned about the other proposed wilderness expansion in the Tewa Basin. By expanding wilderness in the Tewa Basin, it will impede on the traditional uses, cultural resources, and natural resources that the Tewa Indians depend on for ceremony, sustainability, and other uses. For this reason, I object to the proposed wilderness expansion listed below:

[bull]Cochiti Canyon Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Bearhead Peak Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Cerra Boletas Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Alamo Canyon Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Tesuque Creek Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Rio Medio Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Cañone's Creek Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Rio Nambe Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Guaje Canyon Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Arroyo de la Presa Recommended Wilderness Area

[bull]Polvadera Recommended Wilderness Areas E53A and E53B

My identification numbers that the Forest Service gave me during their response to comments are 12519 and 12738. These are listed on page 5 of the Land Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, Volume 4 Appendix O. Response to Comments.