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Comments: I'm a Taos resident on and off since 1987; and full-time resident since 2009.

Once again on the midst of our current real estate 'boom' I'm seeing everyday Taosenos: long term traditional families, Native Taos Pueblo people, as well as people who've chosen the Taos area as their favorite home, scrabbling for decent housing under pressure from this boom, and the ongoing proliferation of airborne style short term rentals.

As I write, I will not even open my windows on this spring day because of the stifling wildfire smoke blanketing the Town of Taos from only a few miles over the mountains to our East.

I believe ANY expansions of existing recreational wilderness facilities will only exacerbate the devastation of our precious, unique greater community! Water is ever an issue in our area and State. These current wildfires are even lacking water to extinguish them quickly!

I am adamantly opposed to this expansion....considering the regional issues at this moment,I consider such a thing truly insanity!