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Comments: Cibola Natl Forest Statement

I hope to see this New Mexico landscape and its plants and animals living in their natural, undisturbed habitats, and to enjoy its beauty without mine tailings and dust contaminating the air that visitors and residents of the area breathe..

I photograph beautiful landforms, unusual trees and flowering plants, and landscapes with the gorgeous New Mexico sky above.

Although I do not have family or close friends in the area, I am concerned as a visitor and on behalf of all who depend in uncontaminated water from the CNF watershed.

I want to see a scientifically certified environmental impact report on the anticipated and/or likely effects of uranium mining in the area, and un-politicized local authority reviews and approvals, if granted, or legally-sound project denial documentation.

Our national forests, parks and monuments belong to all if us, and we owe it to our children, grandchildren and future generations to keep these areas pristine--for them to enjoy, to benefit from health-wise, and to hand on to their descendants unspoiled by human interference.

Our country is founded on the principle of community responsibility for common goods and well-being for all. This and all other national forests are critical as undisturbed natural resources for clean water, clean air, beauty, safe and non-destructive recreational purposes, and many other benefits. Responsible management of Cibola National Forest would heed tribal and local requirements for a pristine, uncontaminated environment in and surrounding this forest.

Extractive industries have a history in the United States of taking the mineral and other resources they want for their own profit-making enterprises that are often far from the sites they exploit. They then leave the detritus and contamination of their extraction processes without cleaning and restoring what they have befouled and excavated. The agency has a duty to the local populations and to the entire country to preserve and protect this and all other national publicly-owned areas from such irresponsible actions by corporations and other private or governmental entities.

I oppose Stop uranium mine drilling on Cibola National Forest near Jesus Mesa and ask the agency to respond to each of the following issues in the record: