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Comments: The birds I go to the Cibola National Forest to find, acorn woodpeckers, Gila and ladder-backed woodpeckers, Williamson's sapsuckers, and Steller's Jays, depend on exactly the kind of undisturbed wild land that this project threatens. The proposal to drill, build infrastructure, and cut access roads on National Forest System lands in support of an underground uranium mine is not a minor administrative step, and the public record as it stands does not give me or anyone else what we need to evaluate it.

The project is listed as a "Developing Proposal," yet the notice provides no formal scoping document, no range of alternatives under consideration, and no identification of which environmental resources the agency intends to analyze. What the Project Overview describes is, in its own words, a "Proposal submitted by Roca Honda Resources LLC on and near Jesus Mesa to conduct developmental drilling, develop infrastructure and construct access roads on NFS lands." That sentence is the sum total of what the public is given. For a project of this scale, touching uranium extraction near communities and wildlife habitat in the Cibola, I cannot offer informed comment, and neither can anyone else, without knowing what alternatives the agency is weighing and which resources will be studied in the EIS. The agency must release a formal scoping notice identifying that range of alternatives and those resource categories and must address this deficiency directly.

The Project Milestones section compounds the problem. The notice lists "Milestone Date NEPA Start Date Finding/Decision Date" with no dates filled in beside them. Without those dates I have no way of knowing when the comment window opens or closes, when analytical steps will occur, or how much time the public has left to engage. The agency should publish concrete milestone dates without delay, so that meaningful participation in this EIS process is actually possible. The public lands at stake here belong to all of us. Keep our wild places wild.