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Comments: I will address the backside of the Sandias, the areas adjacent to the ski area and Sandia Crest road. This process is frustrating because this is not a discussion about "give and take" but about the forest service taking away. I love wilderness and have run every trail in the Sandias. The trails close to the road are not wilderness. They do not have the feel of wilderness. The trails in the wilderness are much more primitive and to hike them requires endurance and skill. The area that are being considered for wilderness have trails that are well traveled and maintained. They are used by lots of people because of the easy access. This is not wilderness. Young and old use these trails and giving them a wilderness designation will eliminate the maintenance of the trails that make them so accessible and decrease the use of the trails even by walkers as well as mountain bikers.

These trails were initially established as non wilderness trails with open access and changing the designation goes against why these trails were created.

The proximity of the roads to both areas make noise an issue with designating these trails wilderness. motorcycles and cars and trucks with loud exhaust race up and down the road and spoil any solitude that is supposed to be wilderness.

These areas provide mountain bikers access to an ecosystem to enjoy that is not available in other areas open to mountain biking in the immediate Albuquerque area.

Lastly, mountain biking has been growing and Albuquerque has been developing a reputation as a good mountain biking community. Many bikes stores are heavily invested in Mountain biking and starting to limit access to trails can change the image of the area and the growing business climate.

Thank you for your time.

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