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Comments: Hello, I would like to comment on the proposal in increase wilderness designation in the Sandia Foothills adjacent to Albuquerque. I am in opposition to this proposal. I am usually a strong proponent of increased wilderness, but do not feel that prohibiting mountain biking on this land so close to an urban area is in the best interest of the public. It appears to be more favorable to the wealthy individuals who live near the area. My children and family use these trails for responsible mountain bike recreation and leave much less impact than equestrian use. I feel so fortunate that all of the citizens of a major metro area like Albuquerque have access to these trails to maintain a healthy lifestyle and outdoor enjoyment. I feel especially fortunate that my children and other future generations have this access and it is my expressed opinion that not change by designating this land as additional wilderness. Thank you, Laura Heitman