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Comments: To the USFS Forest Planner,

I would like to express my concern about the San Mateo Mountains Phase 2 Inventory Map and the areas marked for possible reclassification as wilderness. I support the concept of wilderness, but find it lacking in practice due to the prohibition of "mechanized" travel, which includes bicycles.

Mountain biking is my preferred hobby and I am a regular user of the San Mateo trails. Working with the USFS and other local riders, we have also performed trail maintenance in the past in the area, in particular on Bear Canyon and Chimney Canyon Trails (TR64, 65).

Trails frequently used by local cyclists are partially documented on this website:

<http://www.socorro.com/fattire/area-map.html>

Popular trails used by local cyclists that would be closed to us include:

- Big Rosa Canyon to Rosedale Loop (TR36 and 92)
- Bear Canyon / Chimney Canyon (Trails 64, 65)
- East Red Canyon (Tr. 31), Allen Spring Canyon, and Indian Creek (Tr. 43)
- Big Pigeon Canyon and White Water Canyon Loop

This list is not exhaustive. Loosing the opportunity for recreation, by bicycle, in the San Mateo Mountains would be very unfortunate for local cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts. Please consider our interests in your assessment of lands suitable for wilderness.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Selina