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Comments: To the USFS,

In regards to the proposed reclassification of the San Mateo and Magdalena Mountains to wilderness land, I would like to express my concern. As a former student of New Mexico Tech, I took advantage of all of the outdoor opportunities that Socorro and the surrounding area had to offer during my college career. One of the most enjoyable and popular of those activities is mountain biking. Unlike motorized all-terrain vehicles, mountain bikes provide a spectacular method to visit the outdoors without polluting or harming the trails or ecosystem of a particular area. Many of the trails in the Magdalena and San Mateo mountains offer trail conditions that are both challenging and enjoyable for local bikers. Please take into consideration that classifying land as wilderness area will remove a large portion of Socorro's outdoor appeal. National Forest areas were set aside to allow citizens to enjoy the great outdoors, mountain biking is a great way for us to enjoy our national forests without causing them damage.