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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Please do not make much of the Magdalena mountains and Datil mountains wilderness. Besides a few places (eg. The Tower in the Datils), these areas are already so infrequently visited that the protection is likely not needed. On top of that, there is an active and respectful community of rock climbers and mountain bikers in Socorro NM that rely on these areas. If they were made wilderness areas, it would likely remove one of the few economic attractions to the region. This effect would be especially pronounced for the Datil mountains which have world class rock climbing area, that although not packed with people, does see a steady stream of respectful outdoor enthusiasts who then go and support local businesses (either the pie shops in pie town or the steakhouse in Datil).

Sincerely Sam Rochelle (A loyal, although currently displaced, Socorran)