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Comments: Dear Forest Service:

I'm very disappointed in your ill-conceived mission to convert the most valuable parts of forest service lands into wilderness, depriving entrepreneurs, hobbyists and everyday people of the many uses the land was mandated by congress to serve.

Every acre you take off availability to prospect and mine just ensures perhaps 10 acres in Africa or China become irreparably damaged with tailings and acid drainage, costing U.S. jobs and frustrating the environmental purposes you have been charged with. I also predict every acre that is converted to wilderness will make it that much more likely to burn in an uncontrolled manner because it becomes impossible to responsibly manage.

I'd very much like you to consider the following tracts of land very important to preserve as existing national forest, as they appear to contain mineral resources that are unique and can not be obtained elsewhere.

All Zuni Mtns Tracts

San Mateo Mtns: D3_ADJ8, D3_5K16, D3_ADJ8.b, .d, .e

All Sandia Ranger Tracts