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I was just down in New Mexico this spring on a mountain bike trip. I enjoyed riding trails in the Santa Fe and Taos areas. I didn't make it to Albuquerque area but hope to do so someday.

I hope that you consider the use of mountain bikes in selected areas/trails prior to the final proposed wilderness areas for the Cibola NF that border Albuquerque.

Closing off all areas for mountain bike use is not the best use of the resource. Mountain bikes provide a beneficial public use of the resource and do not negatively impact the environment.

I not saying that bikes should be allowed in all wilderness but selected trails should allow for their use.

We don't need more closures of a good use of the public resource.

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