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Comments: RE: Wilderness

Hi Steve, thanks for sharing your concerns. Sorry for such a delay in responding at least I don't think I was able to yet... I've been on a fire assignment and out of touch for awhile. I know that we corresponded earlier about your work with Talking Talons. I am forwarding your comments to our team leader, Champe Green, so they will be considered along with the rest of the comments for the next draft. Thanks for taking the time to respond and make sure your ideas are heard and included! Elaine Kohrman

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Roholt [mailto:sbroms@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:34 PM

To: Kohrman, Elaine B -FS

Cc: Wood, Kerry T -FS; Susan Smith; Art Gardenswartz

Subject: Wilderness

Hello Elaine: I haven't been able to get to your recent meetings so I thought I would send this. I've am a volunteer with the Talking Talons group as well as with Friends of Sandia Mountains. I chaired the trails committee with the former group last year. I have a special interest in entering into a relationship with the forest service and others to develop a network of regularly maintained cross country ski trails in an area south of 10k parking. I have generally been happy with the progression of these efforts and intend to support the initiative moving forward.

I question the need to add designate more wilderness in the Sandias. On the west side, the forest service lands and the city's open space areas serve as a nice buffer between the city and the wilderness. Those users who prefer to avoid mountain bikers already have ready access to the wilderness. I believe that the areas under consideration should remain multiuse, with a general initiative to educate the public on how to share these areas compatibly .

I support the idea of wilderness for wilderness sake. A large portion of the wilderness is totally inaccessible as it is, and I think it should remain that way. Most users do not venture off of established trails on the west face of the Sandias, for example.

Thanks for listening Steve

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