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Comments: Mountain biking in the Albuquerque foothills

To who it may concern:

Although not an Albuquerque resident, I live nearby and have traveled to Albuquerque for the purpose of riding the trail system in the Sandia foothills Northeast of Albuquerque. I have plans to do so again in the near future. These are trails that are receiving national attention among mountain bikers for the uniquely beautiful riding experience that they provide.

It is my understanding that you are considering expanding wilderness designations in the Cibola forest to include these trails and additional trails adjacent to the Sandia Ski Area. As you know, this would end their use by mountain bikers. Please don't do this. You would be excluding from public lands a sizable group of citizens that causes minimal impact on the trails we use. If you want to provide protections for these lands from those that damage the trails, ATV and pack horse users, for instance, you should do so, but please leave them accessible to mountain bikes.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my opinion in making your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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