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Wilderness is very special to me. The opportunity for solitude and the ability to completely get away from the city nourishes my soul.

It was quite a surprise to learn that the area between the city and the existing wilderness in the foothills on the westside of the Sandias is being considered for wilderness designation. This proposal makes a mockery of the intent of wilderness designation. This area is perpetually crowded with dog walkers and folks out getting their daily exercise, the city is visible from every rise and more importantly, the noise of emergency vehicles, garbage trucks, construction, and loud cars makes it impossible to have a wilderness experience.

Please leave this area under current non-motorized management to serve as a buffer zone between the city and the current wilderness areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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