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Greetings,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the potential Wilderness Designation for Cibola National Forest.

I am an avid hiker, trail runner, and mountain biker from San Diego, CA, and I often travel to engage in such activities. I have enjoyed visiting New Mexico (Santa Fe/Los Alamos area) in the past. While I appreciate and support the desire to preserve our ever dwindling wild lands, I CANNOT SUPPORT a wilderness designation for Cibola National Forest, as this will exclude mountain biking as an activity.

Mountain biking is has an incredibly low impact on the environment, and mountain bikers make valuable land stewards. My objection is not driven by my desire to recreate in the area, but rather by my belief that trail stewardship should be nurtured and developed. Excluding responsible, low impact trail users will only hurt the Cibola National Forest in the long run.

Thank you,

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