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Hello,

I am emailing on behalf of the Los Alamos Tuff Riders mountain biking club in regards to the proposed changes to the Cibola national forest.

Although we are in favor of the protections provided by designating additional Wilderness Area in the Cibola national forest, this unfortunately precludes mountain biking on some well-established trails that serve as connectors to other trails in the area, and so we must be opposed to the changes as they currently are being considered.

Mountain biking is human-powered and has a low impact on trails and other trail users. As a community we are very active in building and maintaining trails, and thus I feel strongly that we have a net positive impact on the trails we ride.

I believe there are a number of alternatives to be considered, including an exempt corridor, or a designation as a National Protection Area or National Scenic Area. These options would serve to similarly protect the area while still allowing for mountain bike traffic.

We appreciate your consideration.

Thanks,

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