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Comments: Magdalena Landscape Team Vision Statement

Hello Elaine, Dennis, and Champe,

I would like to send this email to the Magdalena Landscape Team, but I don't have email addresses for Ruth Ann and Mary Jo. I looked at every resource I had, and just cannot find any contact information for them. I would appreciate it if you could either forward this to the team and cc me so I know it is done, or if you could just send me their email addresses and I will get this email to them. I appreciate your help in this process...Susan Ostlie

Hello Ruth Ann Harriet, Mary Jo Fall, and the other members of the Magdalena landscape team. Thanks for facilitating the Magdalena and T or C meetings in the past month or so.

While I liked the Magdalena RD landscape team vision statement, there was one area that I would like the team to consider adding. At the end of the first statement, the team wrote, "access for historical and multiple uses..." I am glad that traditional scientific uses are included, but it would be nice to see an expansion of what the team considers to be multiple uses. While most would consider multiple uses to include gathering forest products, rockhounding, grazing, hunting, fishing, OHV recreation, mountain biking, hiking, backpacking, etc., all of these are human centered activities. I would like to see somewhere in the vision statement an acknowledgement that the forest lands have an intrinsic value - that is to say that the land itself, the wildlife, and native plants have a value also, aside from their value to human consumers. This would place an added value to a healthy watershed, not just for people in the area, but also for the native flora and fauna. It also provides consideration for wildlife corridors for both animals and plants, especially trees, which needs to be planned for in light of increasing drought and probable climate change. I hope you will consider this modification to your vision statement.

Respectfully, Susan Ostlie, Co-leader, Rio Grande Valley Broadband of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness