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My name is Barbara Sullivan-Dwyer. My husband, Frederick Dwyer and myself, are both disabled. He has lung cancer, and I have nerve disease. We are not able to walk for lengthy periods of time. Your wilderness plan, will close roads that we use to go camping. I do not think that all the areas you are studying are what is classified as wilderness compatible.

Per your guidelines there so many areas that do not meet the criteria. There are existing mines, active mines, and active placer mining claims. This is most prevalent in the Magdalena area.

The Wilderness Act and Minimum Requirements

There are two mandates of the Wilderness Act that typically guide and constrain the minimum requirements analysis. The first is the over-riding goal to preserve wilderness character. The four qualities of wilderness character (untrammelled, natural, undeveloped, and outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation) are used as the primary screening criteria to determine if an action is necessary and, if so, what the minimum activity is.

By making these areas Wilderness it will prohibit us from enjoying one of the few things that we can still do. I know of many others that will have the same problems accessing their mining claims in this area. The Disabilities Act states that public accommodations must allow for disabled people to enjoy these areas.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, State and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications. It also applies to the United States Congress.

To be protected by the ADA, one must have a disability or have a relationship or association with an individual with a disability. An individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment. The ADA does not specifically name all of the impairments that are covered.

Thank you for your service in the Forest Service. We would like to be included in any information regarding this proposal. We try to stay as active as possible in order to have these trips. It helps keep my husbands attitude so positive.

If possible I would like to receive a response to this email.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Sullivan-Dwyer