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Comments: Save Future Wilderness areas for New Mexico Forests

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Cibola National Forest Supervisor Elaine Kohrman

Dear Kohrman,

Our public forestlands should be protected for the enjoyment and benefit everybody, not for short-term profit or the benefit of any one special interest group.

Preserve the wildest portions of the Cibola National Forest. These areas should be protected to maintain their natural characteristics, eliminating the possibility for human development and exploitation. the Guadualupe roadless area in the Mount Taylor Ranger District is a perfect example of a place that is worthy of wilderness protection. Guadalupe Canyon has sweeping mesas and steep cliffs that offer unique opportunities for solitude and natural habitat undisturbed by substantive human development.

The San Mateos, Bear and Magdalena mountains all offer rugged and unique lands and habitat that should be preserved and protected. Predators such as black bear and cougar call this area home that also provides critical habitat for the Mexican spotted owl and other species like elk and pronghorn.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Cibola National Forest wilderness inventory process. Please make the right call and preserve these special wild places in Cibola National Park, for generations to come!

Sincerely,

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