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Cibola National Forest Supervisor Elaine Kohrman

Dear Kohrman,

As the Cibola National Forest evaluates its plan for managing its forests, it is important to set aside the most vulnerable sites and to protect it from human development and exploitation.

In the Magdalena Ranger District, the San Mateos, Bear and Magdalena mountains are 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.

These and other areas are at risk of reckless activity and development that would harm their natural qualities and degrade the areas that make the Cibola National Forest so special.

Please defend these precious areas and preserve these special wild places in Cibola National Park, for the wild lands and animals to live and thrive, and for nature lovers of all kinds to enjoy! Your foresight and protection today can seriously impact these places forever, so please make the right priorities and make your decisions carefully, based on what is right for these natural treasures.

Sincerely,

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