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Cibola National Forest Supervisor Elaine Kohrman

Dear Kohrman,

I passionately believe that our public forestlands should be protected for the enjoyment and benefit of all. Certain special places should not be used for short-term profit or benefit of any one special interest group.

As the Cibola National Forest continues the process to revise its plan for managing the forest, there is an important opportunity to preserve the wildest portions of the Cibola. These areas should be protected to maintain their natural characteristics, eliminating the possibility for human development and exploitation.

The Guadalupe roadless area in the Mount Taylor Ranger District is a perfect example of a place that is worthy of wilderness protection. This remote region includes old growth ponderosa pine and riparian habitats. It includes habitat for species such as elk, mule deer, mountain lion, and black bear. Bird species are particularly diverse in the area. Guadalupe Canyon has sweeping mesas and steep cliffs that offer unique opportunities for solitude and natural habitat undisturbed by human development.

In the Magdalena Ranger District, 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. These mountains provide 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. I'm speaking of activity and development that would degrade the areas that make the Cibola National Forest so special.

Please make the right call and preserve these special wild places in Cibola National Park, so the wild lands and animals can live there and thrive, and so all people can continue enjoy these special places!

Sincerely,

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