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Comments: Cibola NF Wilderness Inventory Magdalena RD

?Comments on the Magdalena RD Wilderness Inventory:

D3\_ADJ6 and D#-ADJ7: Keep in Wilderness Inventory

These areas adjacent to the eastern and southern borders of the Mt. Withington Wilderness extend the opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation in a scenic area.

D3\_5K16: Keep in Wilderness Inventory:

This is an important piece in the north-south San Mateo Mountain wildlife corridor, potentially linking the Mt. Withington Wilderness and the Apache Kid Wilderness, thus preserving the wholeness of local ecology. The area offers solitude and opportunity for primitive recreation. I've hiked in the area without encountering anyone outside my own party. It is scenic, with isolated canyons and high points offering vistas of large swathes of untrammled country.

D3\_ADJ8: Keep in Wilderness Inventory:

Protecting this area would significantly enhance the Apache Kid Wilderness, maintaining the integrity of the larger ecological region. The area offers solitude, primitive recreation, and good scenic values.

D3\_5K18, D3\_5K19, and D3\_5K20: Keep in Wilderness Inventory:

These areas protects part of the north-south wildlife corridor, with their nearness to Apache Kid Wilderness to the north and other public lands to the southeast.

D3\_5K1, D3\_5K2 and D3\_5K3: Keep in Wilderness Inventory:

These areas have high scenic value as part of a forested sky island amidst surrounding desert. They are of geologic interest--prospectors once combed the area looking for riches. Isolated remains of small mining operations are cultural resources worthy of preservation. The shared boundary with the Langmuir Research Area enlarges the possibilities for solitude and primitive recreation.

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