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I attended the informational meeting held in Gallup on November 18, 2014. Thank you for taking the time to come to Gallup and provide us with information on the plan revision. I live in Jamestown, east of Gallup, and am a frequent forest visitor.

I am in favor of designating parcels of wilderness on the Mount Taylor Ranger District. I feel that as many communities as possible should have relatively easy access to the experience of being in wilderness, of hiking where no vehicles will interrupt a person's solitude. The majority of the Mt. Taylor District can currently be accessed by vehicle; providing at least a few parcels of wilderness will broaden the range of the kinds of experience people in Gallup and Grants and other nearby communities can have on the District. We should not have to go as far afield as Sandia, Magdalena, or Gila NF to be able to walk in a non-motorized environment. I feel strongly that some portion of the Mt. Taylor District should be managed as wilderness. I suggest designating at least the Little Water Canyon area in the Zuni Mountains and the Water Canyon area on the Mt. Taylor division of the District as wilderness. Close wilderness areas will increase the quality of life for our communities.

Please keep me on your mailing list and keep me informed of developments in the plan revision process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Popelish