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Please consider this message as our comment for the Cibola planning project. Although we live far from the forest, we have visited New Mexico and have friends there who know the Cibola well.

We appreciate the Forest Service's invitation of comments about lands with wilderness characteristics. We have visited many areas that qualify in national forests and BLM public lands. It's vital to complete an accurate inventory of lands that have wilderness characteristics as defined in the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Please give official recognition to the wilderness characteristics of lands in the Cibola including areas in the San Mateo, Magdalena, Bear, and Datil Mountains. We ask you to inventory these areas, give them protection through the forest planning process, and forward recommendations to Congress for designation of these areas as wilderness.

Thank you for considering our thoughts on this project.

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