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Comments: Comments on CNF Wilderness Inventory.

Cibola National Forest personnel: I am writing this e-mail to express my opinion on the "Cibola National Forest Wilderness Inventory" initiative being proposed by the Cibola National Forest (CNF). I understand the initiative documents areas within the CNF eligible for wilderness designation, and the initiative is out for public comment at this time. My comments are as follow.

1. Sandia Ranger District. In general, I support the wilderness designation for most of the identified eligible areas. However, I question three areas. D5_ADJ6 (west side Sandias) and D5_ADJ4 & D5_ADJ5 (east side Sandias) are heavily used by mountain bike riders (including myself). I would like to see continued use by mountain bikes in these areas, and would oppose any wilderness designation that restricts/prohibits bicycle use in these areas.

2. Mountainair Ranger District. I support the wilderness designation for all of the identified eligible areas.

3. Mount Taylor Ranger District. I support the wilderness designation for all of the identified eligible areas.

4. Magdalena Ranger District. I support the wilderness designation for all of the identified eligible areas. I especially would like to see wilderness designation of the area north of the Magdalena Research Area in the Magdalena Mountains (D3_5K1, D3_5K2, & D3_5K3). I have noticed that this area is being overrun with ORV traffic in recent years. This significantly degrades the experience of non-motorized use in this area.

Thank you for your time and effort in listening to my opinions.

Sincerely,

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