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The current evaluation of Forest Service lands for the possibility of specifying added areas as Wilderness has me concerned.

With the 50th year of the program, I understand why this is being considered when its success is seen. I believe that current designations within the Cibola District are adequate and that to increase area will be counter productive for the population in and around Project D4, ADJ1 - 8. Here in Central New Mexico, we depend on the forests to provide oxygen from carbon dioxide, yet to still be the natural reservoir for water to be stored underground or to increase the aquifer.

The ban of any motorized vehicle within the area will prevent thinning of the forest to keep it healthy as well as prevent any practical removal of light-weight brush that becomes VERY flammable. We do not want to contribute fuel to any wildfires.

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