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Elaine Kohrman,

My name is Dr. Ken Abraham. I have spoken to Matt Reidy and Michael Cappinelli about this topic. I have been a lifelong resident of New Mexico and Cibola County. It is my belief, as well as many others, that this forest does not and should not qualify for wilderness designation. It is my belief that having this forest designated as a wilderness is most definitely not in the best interest of our community, as well as others that desire to utilize the resources of these mountains. The public has voiced its' opinion to the Forest Service in a most negative manner, some professional some not so professionally. I believe that the Forest Service in the past has asked for public opinion on issues, but had already made a decision no matter what public sentiment was----road closures, wolf introduction etc. So I wonder if this decision has already been made, in spite of negative public opinion. National resources are for the people and by the people I believe. Bureaucratic override of public opinion should not be allowed. The majority rules correct. The folks in Washington should not be allowed to force something on us that the majority is against.

I hope that you do read this and call me @ 505-290-7781

Sincerely

Dr. Ken Abraham