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Comments: Cibola NF Wilderness Inventory Mt. Taylor RD

Comments on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District Wilderness Inventory:

Little Water Canyon: Designate as a "Special Area"

This area has important scientific value as it retains the original character of the Zuni Mountain ecosystem, as it was before the Zuni area was so heavily impacted by human activity, including mining, logging, grazing and motorized recreation. This area needs special protection from disruptive human activity to maintain its natural characteristics.

D2_5K10, D2_5K11 and D2-5K12: Keep in inventory.

These areas are a less visited part of the San Mateo Mountains, affording opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation that are harder to find in the more heavily used areas of the Mt. Taylor RD. The three areas have good scenic value as a forested zone within a surrounding desert landscape. The three areas are adjacent to other public lands to the north and east, and could be managed as part of a larger eco-zone for wildlife preservation.?

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