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Greetings!

Please consider the following comments when selection potential lands for conversion from their current status into Wilderness areas.

First and foremost I strongly recommend against the inclusion of ANY more lands into the Wilderness system. This is based on the Forest Service's own directive "MULP", the Multiple Users Land Policy. I have been told many times by FS representatives that the MULP is one of the guiding principles of Forest Management - that ALL users of the forest have equal rights to access and use of the forest. By eliminating vehicle access to vast sections of the forest many users are denied access to traditional recreational and subsistence activities by the sheer amount of walking required to access forest areas they traditionally have been able to use. I have intimate contact with recreational rockhounding, gold panning, and gold prospecting clubs in the city of Albuquerque and the areas they use for recreation are rapidly disappearing. These three clubs alone represent in excess of 400 people who consider forest lands essential to the enjoyment of their hobby. This is but a small sampling of the earth resource minded people who need to be able to drive within a reasonable distance (1/4 mile or less)

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