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Thank you for hearing my comments on the Cibola's use planning. I

It is important that we preserve and protect the forest ecosystem from exploitation. What is good for the Cibola ecosystem is good for its neighbors in the services the ecosystem provides us.

There is also an economic incentive to protect this sensitive ecosystem. Not only is tourism important to our economy, so is the revenue provided by seasonal hunters. If we do not protect this ecosystem from development, with the light and electromagnetic pollution, the VLA and Magdalena Ridge observatories will be compromised. Both provide jobs in our area.

Many areas in the Cibola clearly meet the required criteria to be considered wilderness, including areas in the San Mateo, Magdalena, Bear, and Datil Mountains. Please inventory these areas, as well as any other large roadless areas as comprehensively as possible. Protect these areas through the forest planning process and recommend these areas to Congress as suitable for permanent wilderness designation.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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