



Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts

How to Comment



The Mountain Ranger Districts of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands are releasing the Preliminary Draft Land and Resource Management Plan and associated documents for public comment.

Products on which we are seeking comment:

- Preliminary Draft Plan
- Preliminary Draft Plan Alternatives & maps
- Preliminary Draft Plan Management Areas & maps
- Phase 3 Wilderness Inventory & Areas with Wilderness Character maps
- Process Paper on Inventory and Evaluation of Lands that may be Suitable for Inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS)
- Evaluation Narratives for Inventory and Evaluation of Lands that may be Suitable for Inclusion in the NWPS
- Process Paper on Wild and Scenic River Eligibility
- Eligible Wild and Scenic River maps
- Scenery Management System inventory maps (Scenic Integrity Levels)
- Recreation Opportunity Spectrum inventory maps
- At-Risk Species Determination Process and Rationale document

All materials are available on the Plan Revision website <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/CibolaFPR>.

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- **Use the Cibola National Forest Comment Form:** Fill out the Cibola National Forest Comment Form provided at public meetings and on the website here: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/CibolaFPR>.
 - Each document has line numbers and page numbers for ease in commenting. The comment form asks for identification of line number and page number for comments.
- **Use the online commenting tool, CARA:** Go to <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=46268> to upload a comment form or create a comment letter.
- **Mail us a letter:** If you prefer to use postal mail to deliver a hard-copy comment form or letter, please send to:
 - Elaine Kohrman, Forest Supervisor
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2113 Osuna Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113
- **Send us an email:** Send comments to comments-southwestern-Cibola@fs.fed.us.
- **Attend Public meetings:** Staff and Landscape Team members will be on site to assist with commenting.

Comments will be most helpful if received by **August 31, 2016**.



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How to Effectively Comment

Comments may be the most important contribution from the public. Your comments will be used to edit the preliminary draft proposed plan and the range of alternatives, and will inform the environmental impact statement. Here are some tips to consider while commenting:

- Comments should be clear, concise, and relevant to the analysis of the documents. Take the time to organize your thoughts so your comments are understood.
- Comments that are solution-oriented and provide specific examples will be more effective than those that simply oppose the statement the comment relates to.
- Comments that contribute to developing alternatives that address the purpose and need for the action are also effective.
- Commenting is not a form of “voting” on an alternative. The number of negative comments an agency receives does not prevent an action from moving forward. Numerous comments that repeat the same basic message of support or opposition will typically be responded to collectively.
- If you submitted comments during other Forest Plan Revision comment periods, you do not have to submit them again, as these comments have been captured.
- In order to have standing to object in the forest plan revision process, you must submit name and contact information to the Cibola National Forest along with your comments.