

**Lincoln National Forest Wilderness Inventory Criteria “Substantially Noticeable”
October 1-4, 2018
Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Cloudcroft, Ruidoso, and Weed, New Mexico
Summary of Community Meetings**

COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES ON “SUBSTANTIALLY NOTICEABLE” STRUCTURES

Community meeting participants provided comments on substantially noticeable structures. They were shown photos (included below) and were asked whether the structure in the photo was substantially noticeable. They then provided their reasoning for why it was or was not noticeable and ideas for what could change their answer to the first question. The comments have been organized by meeting location.

Note: These comments address whether or not the commenter considered the USFS infrastructure in a given photo to be “substantially noticeable.” See the photos at the bottom of this document for reference.

ALAMOGORDO (OCTOBER 4, 2018)

<i>Photo #</i>	<i>Comment #</i>	<i>Is the structure in this photo substantially noticeable?</i>	<i>Why or why not?</i>	<i>What would change your answer to the first question?</i>
Photo 1	No Comment			
Photo 2	Comment 1	Yes.	It is big, metal, and shiny.	
	Comment 2	Yes.	Vegetation treatments make the human structures obvious.	
Photo 3	Comment 1	No (fence).		
	Comment 2	Yes.	It is too obvious.	It may be improved by natural materials like rocks or boulders (or with a wildlife drinker).
	Comment 3	Yes.	Even though these structures are made of natural materials, there are too many structures.	
Photo 4	Comment 1	Yes.	There is an overabundance of structures.	Maybe more neutral tones would help?
Photo 5	Comment 1	No.		

CARLSBAD (OCTOBER 2, 2018)

<i>Photo # (feature)</i>	<i>Comment #</i>	<i>Is the structure in this photo substantially noticeable?</i>	<i>Why or why not?</i>	<i>What would change your answer to the first question?</i>
Photo 1	Comment 1	Yes.	There is white paint that sticks out on the fence post.	Paint the fence posts.
	Comment 2	No.	The fence line is barely visible.	Paint the posts brown.
Photo 2	Comment 1	Yes.	The shiny metal is noticeable.	Paint the metal to make it blend in more.
	Comment 2	Yes.	Do no skylight.	Optional power could run down the middle of the road.
Photo 3	Comment 1	No.		
	Comment 2	No.	Historic structures are not obtrusive.	Nothing.
	Comment 3	Yes.	I do not like the fence.	Remove the barbed wire and just leave the cabin and fence posts.
	Comment 4	No.	It has a historical look.	Replacing the wooden fence with a wired fence.
	Comment 5	Yes.	It is a very bulky structure.	Cover it with rocks or replace it with wood.
	Comment 6	Yes.	Hunted species should not require the development of guzzlers.	The structure could be hidden better.
Photo 4	Comment 1	Yes.	There are lots of structures.	Plant trees or something to block the view.
	Comment 2	Yes.	It is very trashy.	Remove non-historic junk.
Photo 5	Comment 1	No.	It is not noticeable.	Color helps it blend in.
	Comment 2	No.	The site should not be skylighted.	The structure could be made from wood.

CLLOUDCROFT (OCTOBER 1, 2018)

<i>Photo # (feature)</i>	<i>Comment #</i>	<i>Is the structure in this photo substantially noticeable?</i>	<i>Why or why not?</i>	<i>What would change your answer to the first question?</i>
Photo 1	No Comment			
Photo 2	No Comment			
Photo 3	Comment 1	Yes.	Cabin and fencing.	Tear the structures down and remove them from the site.
Photo 4	Comment 1	Yes.	The houses and structures are white.	Nothing.
Photo 5	Comment 1	Yes.	The structure is noticeable.	Paint the structure.

RUIDOSO (OCTOBER 3, 2018)

<i>Photo # (feature)</i>	<i>Comment #</i>	<i>Is the structure in this photo substantially noticeable?</i>	<i>Why or why not?</i>	<i>What could be done to ensure that the feature is not substantially noticeable?</i>
Photo 1	Comment 1	Yes.	The fence post is the only human-made object in view.	Remove it.
	Comment 2	Yes.	There is a fence post in view.	It can be removed.
	Comment 3	Yes.	There is a fence.	Nothing.
	Comment 4	Yes.	There is a fence.	The metal post could be colored to blend in better.
	Comment 5	Yes.	The fence is undoubtedly part of grazing management, which takes priority.	Nothing.
Photo 2	Comment 1	Yes.	The cell towers rise above the landscape and are very noticeable.	Nothing.
	Comment 2	Yes.	There are cell towers that cannot be removed.	
	Comment 3	Yes.	The cell towers are necessary for communication.	Nothing.

	Comment 4	Yes.	There are towers.	The towers could be a more neutral color.
	Comment 5	Yes (yikes).	No towers and power lines should be in a wilderness. The tower would have an access road.	Nothing.
	Comment 6	Yes.	There is a reflection from the metal and gun site of cut trees.	The clearing width could be varied to give a more aesthetically pleasing look.
Photo 3	Comment 1	Yes.	There is a fence pole.	Leave it alone.
	Comment 2	Yes.	There a cabin and fencing obviously designed for agricultural use.	Nothing.
	Comment 3	Yes.	There is a cabin and an old fence.	Leave it alone. It reflects the history of the area.
	Comment 3	Yes.	There is fencing for cattle.	Nothing.
	Comment 4	Yes.	There are water improvements.	Leave them in place.
	Comment 5	Yes.	There is a watershed for a waterer.	The posts could be camouflaged. The plastic or metal tub and watershed could have a pattern painted onto them or in the fabric to blend in better.
	Comment 6	Yes.	Each picture depicts human activity- even the old homestead seems to have active cattle handling facilities	No.
Photo 4	Comment 1	Yes.	There is a community.	Nothing.
	Comment 2	Yes.	There are too many homes that must have roads.	Nothing.
	Comment 3	Yes.	There is a community.	The background is good. The people living there probably own private land.
	Comment 4	Yes.	It is too close to the community, and therefore the community would probably use roads and trails frequently.	Nothing.
Photo 5	Comment 1	Yes.	There is a tower and fencing.	Nothing.
	Comment 2	Yes.	There is a fence and a staircase on the cliff.	Nothing.
	Comment 3	Yes.	It is directly on the cliff.	Nothing.

	Comment 4	No response.	The tower is out of character for the area.	The fence could be made of rock, which would look less human-made.
Other	Naturalness, untrammelled nature, the opportunity for solitude, and primitive recreation are all wilderness qualities.			

WEED (OCTOBER 1, 2018)

<i>Photo # (feature)</i>	<i>Comment #</i>	<i>Is the structure in this photo substantially noticeable?</i>	<i>Why or why not?</i>	<i>What could be done to ensure that the feature is not substantially noticeable?</i>
Photo 1	Comment 1	No response.	The design of the fence blends with the landscape. The design of the fence could be more noticeable if it is changed.	
Photo 2	Comment 1	Yes.	Although the power line is noticeable, I appreciate the fact that one can fix a fence downed by wildlife and I am glad that it may help with fire suppression.	
Photo 3	No Comment			
Photo 4	No Comment			
Photo 5	No Comment			

PHOTOS OF SUBSTANTIALLY NOTICEABLE FEATURES

Photo 1: Red butte with a wire fence



Photo 2: Communications site with powerline

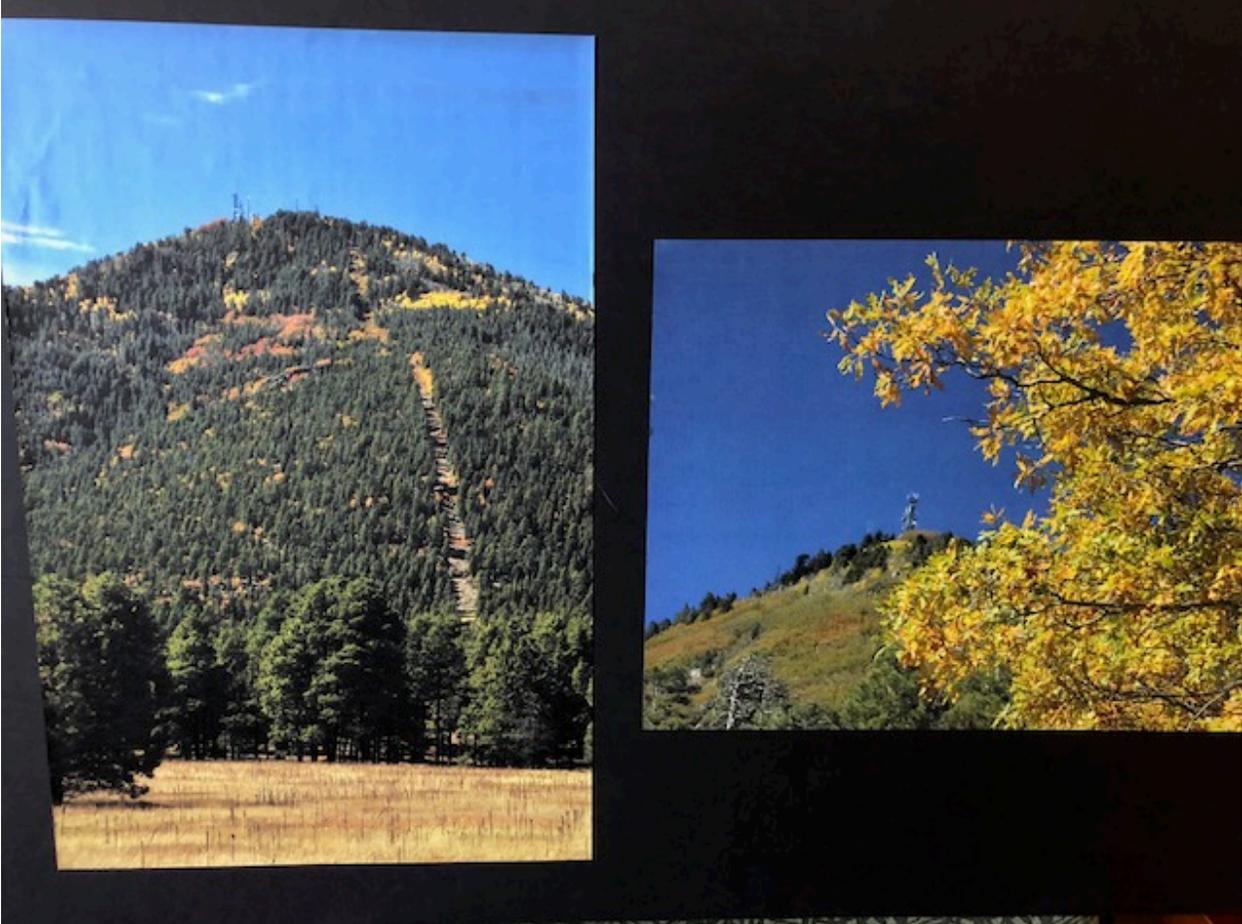


Photo 3: Cabin and drinker pictures



Photo 4: South mountains with houses

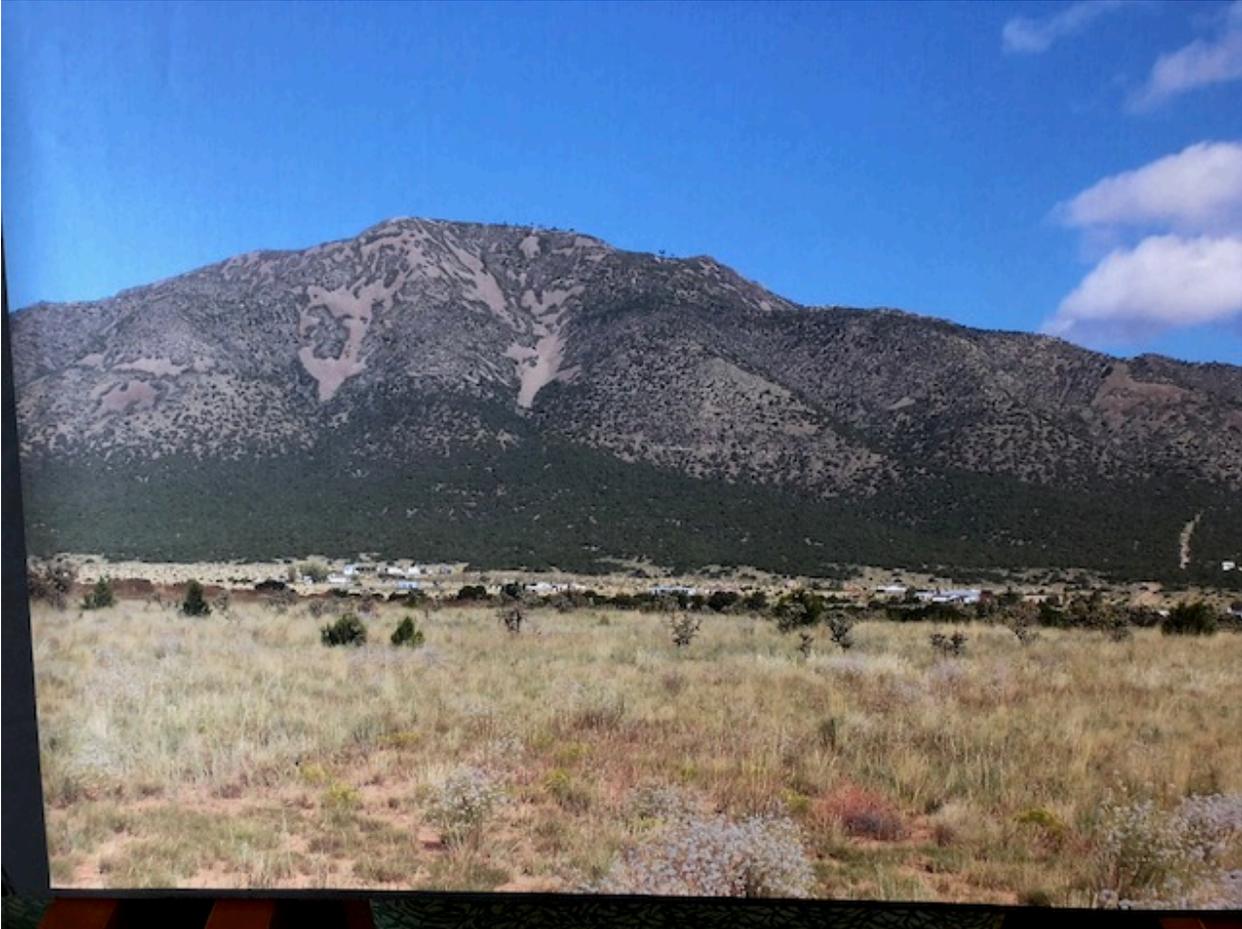


Photo 5: Cliff face staircase

