

Decision Summary - Wilderness

Project Name	Sandia Trails Improvements CE		
Forest	Cibola National Forest	Region	R3
Choose Type of Activity (Wilderness, Roadless, Energy infrastructure, Minerals, Vegetation CE, Land Management Plan) and level of Decision (No DM, DM, DN/FONSI, ROD)			
Wilderness. DM (36CFR 220.6 (e)(1))			
Planned Decision Date	March 19, 2021		

Summary Description

Purpose/Need
The purpose is to improve & expand non-motorized dispersed recreation opportunities (trails) w/ construction, designation, relocation, and decommissioning of trails, some within the Sandia Mountain Wilderness. Install barriers, rehabilitation/closure activities to limit degradation from vehicles at informal parking areas.
Intended Selected Action
Designate as National Forest System Trail (NFST) approximately 11 miles of user-created trails. Implement trail maintenance projects including small scale relocations to improve sustainability. Construct approximately 27 miles of new multi-use, non-motorized NFST. Construct (and designate as NFST) approximately 3 miles of purpose-built cross-country skiing trails. Prohibit all other uses on designated trails. Designate (as NFST) and rebuild approximately 3 miles of user-created purpose-built mountain bike trails. Prohibit all other uses on designated trails. Decommission/rehabilitate approximately 7 miles of user-created trails and prohibit further use. Install barriers at a select number of informal parking areas/trailheads along FS Rd 445 to prevent further resource damage and expansion. Close/rehabilitate a number of informal parking areas and cross-country motorized routes along 445. Designate (as NFST) 1.5 miles of user-created trails west of Sandia Museum of Natural History. Trails will be designated as open to foot traffic only.
Potentially Significant Effects or Extraordinary Circumstances (if any)
None
Public Involvement (include State, local governments and Tribal consultation)
Public scoping occurred for project in June 2019. A scoping letter was mailed to project mailing including local government, cooperators, adjacent landowners, and congressionals. Unique letters were sent to tribal representatives.
Timeline Considerations (statutory, court-related, administrative) and Objections Status

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Decision needed for partnership funding support.