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Comments on Plan

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We support the protection of the Sand Tank Mountains for wilderness characteristics. We suggest that the Margies Peak and Butterfield Stage wilderness units are also included in the monument's wilderness inventory. Please increase the number and size of areas managed for wilderness characteristics in non-monument lands to 270,000 acres of wilderness lands, including Face Mountain, Columbus Peak, and Yellow Medicine Butte. It is important to limit motorized vehicles to only designated routes. This is a critical step in reducing the proliferation of roads across the landscape. That means better law enforcement and route signage to keep people on the roads. Please commit to the route designation process ASAP, even though this is currently not in the draft plan. Close off all unnecessary, user-created routes on the monument and non-monument lands. Include the Priority Wildlife Areas and Wildlife Movement Corridors in the plan to help facilitate the recovery of imperiled species and maintain important landscape linkages between mountain ranges. Please develop improvements to the preferred alternative by adopting wider Movement Corridors as outlined in Alternative D.