



File Code: 1950; 2720
Date: May 22, 2020

Dear Interested Party,

I have released the environmental assessment (EA) and draft decision notice (DN)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Military Training Exercises Project on the Mount Taylor, Magdalena, Mountainair, and Sandia Ranger Districts of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands (Cibola NF). The EA and draft DN/FONSI are available online at the following websites: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=5375> and <https://www.kirtland.af.mil/Home/Environment/>.

This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Only those who submitted timely and specific written comments on this project and the associated amendments during prior scoping and comment periods established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. Specific written comments are written comments within the scope of the proposed action, with a direct relationship to the proposed action, and that include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider.

Objections on the Military Training Exercises Project must be submitted within 45 calendar days beginning the day after publication of the legal notice in the Albuquerque Journal (anticipated May 29, 2020). Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. A timely submission will be determined by USPS postmark date, the agency's electronically generated posted date and time for email. It is the responsibility of the objector to ensure timely receipt of any objections submitted.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Regional Forester, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102; or by email to objections-southwestern-regional-office@usda.gov. An automated response will confirm the electronic objection has been received. If an automated response is not received, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely filing by other means. Electronic objections must be submitted in MS Word, portable document format (PDF), or rich text format (RTF). The subject line for electronic submissions should contain Military Training Exercises within the Cibola National Forest.

Eligible objections must be filed, in writing, with the reviewing officer and must be open to public inspection during the objection process. At a minimum, an objection must include the following: (1) The objector's name and address, along with a telephone number or email address if available; (2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection); (3) Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection, and verification of the identity of the lead objector, if

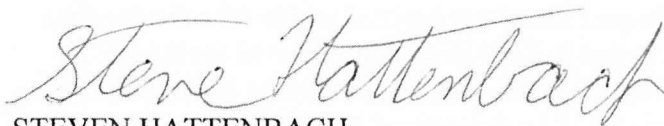


requested. Individual members of an entity must have submitted their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. Additional requirements are included below.

In addition to the identifying information outlined above, written objection comments on the proposed project must include (1) the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the responsible official, and the name(s) of the forest or district on which the proposed project will be implemented; (2) a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons the reviewing officer should consider; and (3) a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment. Specific written comments are written comments within the scope of the proposed action, with a direct relationship to the proposed action, and included supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider.

Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Zack Parsons, 505-346-3871, zachary.parsons@usda.gov. If you have any questions on the objection review process you may contact Blair Halbrooks, Assistant Regional Administrative Review Coordinator, at blair.halbrooks@usda.gov or 505-842-3256.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Hattenbach".

STEVEN HATTENBACH
Forest Supervisor