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McGregor Range Military Land Withdrawal
Comment

I believe it is incumbent upon the the Army to balance its long term use of the lands in question with the protection of them. And where ever possible to preserve the ecological integrity of the lands. I believe this is possible without compromising the primary mission.

391 | I Alternative 6 presents an elegant proposal to achieve both these ends and I would hope the Army would support it, as I also do.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Berman
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391. The Army appreciates your involvement in the environmental analysis process for the renewal of the McGregor Range military land withdrawal. Your comment was considered during preparation of the final LEIS and has become a part of this public comment response document for congressional review.

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NEW MEXICO WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

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Dr. Andy Vliet
USA-ADAC Center & Ft. Bliss
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19 January 1999

Dear Dr. Vliet,

This letter is in support of Alternative 6 in the Legislative Environmental Impact Statement on the McGregor Withdrawal. It is the position of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance that Culp Canyon is deserving of full wilderness designation and that Otero Mesa should be designated as a National Conservation Area. The historical, cultural, recreational and biological values of the areas (Culp Canyon and Otero Mesa) are simply too important to sacrifice them as a bombing range or a missile training ground. Other areas exist which can meet this nation's need for military training. However a wilderness like Culp Canyon is, once lost, lost forever. We cannot afford to lose any more wilderness in New Mexico. It has become too rare, and consequently, too precious a resource.

Sincerely,

Martin Heinrich
for the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance

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New Mexico Audubon Council

Representing Five Local Chapters of the National Audubon Society in New Mexico
Conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their
habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity

January 15, 1999

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Dr. Andy Vliet
USA-ADAC Center and Ft. Bliss
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P. O. Box 6020
Fort Bliss, TX 79906

Dear Dr. Vliet:

The Department of Defense is assessing the impact of future uses of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land on the McGregor Range in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We are particularly concerned that the Army proposes to withdraw the area for 50 years for use as a training and test range.

This action is opposed by broad coalition of local ranchers, the environmental community, and hunters because Otero Mesa is one BLM area in New Mexico that is truly well-managed. The grasslands there are healthy and vibrant, supporting grazing and both game and non-game wildlife species, a tribute to the BLM's stewardship.

Among other issues, Otero Mesa is prime habitat for the endangered Aplomado Falcon, which is increasingly reported in New Mexico. The area would be a prime site for reintroduction efforts to re-establish the falcon in the Southwest. While the environment in many military areas is in fact protected by their status, this area is well managed as it stands. It is an example of the potential for success of multiple use, and should be used as an example of the quality that

We strongly support the designation of Otero Mesa and Mountain Foothills as a National Conservation Area and the declaration of Culp Cañon as a BLM wilderness area. We therefore strongly support alternative 6 in the EIS. Withdrawal of this land is not in the best interests of the people of New Mexico or the United States.

Sincerely,

Thomas Jervis, Ph.D., President
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Los Alamos, NM 87544

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Jennifer Johnson
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February 3, 1999

Dr. Andy Vliet
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Fort Bliss, Texas 79906

Re: McGregor Range Military Land Withdrawal Renewal

Dear Dr. Vliet,

I am writing to let you know that I support Alternative 6 in the Legislative EIS which would re-withdraw McGregor Range for 50 years, and would have Congress designate Otero Mesa and Mountain Foothills as a NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA and Culp Canyon as a BLM Wilderness Area.

This seems to me to be the highest and best use for land recognized as an Historic Landscape, with potential historic sacred sites and managed for Multiple Use, wildlife, recreation, grazing and hunting.

The concept that the US Army uses portions of the area occasionally for multi-national force training and as a buffer zone for live fire missile training is ludicrous. These military programs should be allowed to expire, as should the temporary withdrawal of all of McGregor Range, in the year 2001.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnson

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Writing for your support for
Alternative 6. For the Congress-
ional designation of Otero Mesa
and Mountain Foothills Natl
Conservation Area and Culp
Canyon as a BLM Wilderness
area. No more bombing!!!
I will write my Congres-
men as well. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Elizabeth McDonald R.N.
102 East Green St.
Gallup, NM 87103.

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McGregor Range Military Land Withdrawal Renewal
U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss
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To whom it may concern,

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I am writing to you concerning the McGregor Range Land Withdrawal EIS. I favor Alternative 6, which would establish Otero Mesa and Sacramento Foothills as a National Conservation Area. These areas are in good condition and I would like to see them released as an NCA, preserving one of our most shrinking assets-- open space and wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gary Simpson
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Albuquerque, NM 87114

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