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Please include the following comments for the public hearing as I am unable to attend the meeting in person.

Comments for Adobe Town Public hearing

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I am mother to a 6 year old child. Like many children that age, she is curious, inquisitive and learns best through experience. As part of her education we take her to local areas to teach her about history and place. We go regularly into the nearby Red Desert and have seen the increased impact of industry. It diminishes our classroom.

The Adobe Hills is an exceptionally rich area for fossils, history and animal habitat. Like the rest of the Red Dessert, it as an area where man's activities remain evident for many generations. In considering the land use of this area, we need to consider what lesson we are teaching our children. Do we want to teach that preserving evidence of mankind's activities over the past 12,000 years ago is unimportant? That the 1869 Geological Exploration of the 40th Parallel is irrelevant? That it is OK to alter these fragile areas and the history in them to meet the nation's "need" (in quotes) for fossil fuels for just a few days? That our gluttonous consumption of non-renewable resources is more important than the survival of other species?

I feel strongly that these are not the lessons we want to pass on. The Adobe Hills, the Haystacks and the Powder Rim warrant protection as a Very Rare and Uncommon area around the existing Wilderness Study Area.

Thank you,

