Aldo's Silver City Broadband of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization focusing on education about and advocacy for public lands, especially wilderness. We are part of a national organization headquartered in Durango, CO, with over forty affiliated chapters nationwide. Our grassroots organization, led by women, works to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.

We are writing to commend you for your well researched and thorough job of preparing the *Draft Wildlife Corridors Action Plan.*  We are particularly pleased to see the recommended actions (culverts, overpasses, bridges) for the Silver City region, knowing there is a crucial need for wildlife crossings on highways U.S. 180 and NM 90 to avoid collisions.

We are also very pleased to see the wildlife corridor recommendations targeting the relevant area on I-10 in southwest New Mexico in the Peloncillo Mountain region. We support the recommendation for overpass structures to allow desert bighorn to cross over I-10, along with the underpass structures for other animals such as black bear, bobcat, Mexican gray wolves, and jaguar. We understand the importance of wildlife corridors for migration and habitat needs in the sky island areas of southwest New Mexico and the relevance of the Peloncillo Mountains regarding this.

We will be following the progress of the plan and proposed actions and stand ready to advocate for implementation of the plan.

Sincerely,

Marcia Stout and Joanie Connors

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