



## Thinking Like A Mountain

Escudilla Wilderness Proposal The WMCL submitted a wilderness proposal to the Forest Service in March, 2009. You can view a copy of the proposal as a [PDF file](#). This proposal calls for additions to the current Escudilla Wilderness which was created in 1984.

This proposed Escudilla Wilderness Additions creates a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) that, if designated, would increase the size of the Escudilla Wilderness from the original 5200 acres to over 22,000 acres. Now is the time to write to contact Chris Knopp (see contact information below), the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Supervisor, urging him to support this proposal!

The White Mountain Conservation League (WMCL) would like to thank all of the members who spent so many hours and days in the field



inventorying the potential wilderness quality of lands on Escudilla Mountain. This proposal meets the requirements of a citizens WSA proposal and provides ample justification for expanding the Escudilla Wilderness. This proposal appropriately coincides with the Forest Plan Revision process, but is particularly timely as we

celebrate both the centennial of Aldo Leopold's arrival in the area that surrounds Escudilla and the 45th anniversary of the Wilderness Act (Wilderness Act, 1964).