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I have a small group of (~25) 9th graders that would like to do service learning projects in the Sandia foothills. Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions is an educational non-profit organization that is working with Tech Leadership High School (located near the AFB). This semester, the school is providing bus transportation to the field sites. Our permits require that we stay in the open space areas (i.e., we do not cross the wilderness boundary unless we get a permit). We are available Friday mornings from ~9-11:30. For the next two weeks, we will be at Piedra Lisa trail area (the one with rappelling - not the one to Placitas), and then Embudo trailhead. We would love to have some outside expertise, tools, etc., and for now our plan is to bring some trash bags and help clean these areas up, as they are nearby their school as well. I will also be using these sites as a geology classroom, since I am a geologist! We would also be looking for other potential projects in late October and November.

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