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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

To: Mr. James Melonas, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest

Mr. Melonas,

I am deeply concerned about the size and scope of the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project. I am especially concerned that there is to be no Environmental Impact Statement. The amount of smoke and toxic fumes in the air of Santa Fe from a project this size will undoubtedly have very negative impact on elderly, people with allergies and asthma - and the public in general. It seems very irresponsible to plan to do this without an EIS.

Santa Fe is known for its clean air and that is part of what draws the tourists to Santa Fe, which is the largest source of income for this city. The impact to incomes if this drives tourism away from this area would be catastrophic for our citizens.

Please extend the comment period to another 90 days to hear the concerns of our citizens. And please take their (our) input into consideration before you make a plan.

I believe that this plan to thin and burn the entire forest is very misguided and that recent research shows that the most effective mitigation is to directly treat around homes and structures. Please see the research of Dr. Chad Hansen and Dr. Jack Cohen about this. Also, please allow climate scientists e.g. Dr. Dominick Della Salla, PhD to give input about the loss of species habitat and plants in this Santa Fe area. Recent climate science shows that we need all of the trees we can to overcome the negative effects to our climate and environment. So, to destroy a large number of trees is clearly the wrong approach for the overall well being of our Forest, our city, and our planet.

Also, the use of aerial ignitions containing potassium permanganate, ethylene glycol and diesel fuel will cause negative effects to our human health and the health of all the wildlife in our beloved forest.

Thank you for your consideration of all of these points.

Sincerely,

Kaye Burr, Santa Fe resident