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Re: [SFFC Core] Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

Well said, Lyra!

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On Sun, Jul 7, 2019 at 10:27 AM Lyra Barron <lyrabarron@gmail.com> wrote:

I have lived on and off in the area Canada de los Alamos for over 30 years, and I am horrified to hear that the FS intends to go into that area, so beloved by so many who live in, hike in and enjoy the natural untouched beauty of the area.

I would absolutely urge a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study be required for such a large project and one with such significant impacts on so many, to determine the effects on the human environment, on roadless areas and on the wildlife. This analysis must be site-specific in order to be meaningful. I am also concerned about the effects on the soil, as you are talking of removing huge amounts of organic matter in taking out those trees that took hundreds of years to grow, and who knows if the the land would ever fully recover. I have read a great deal about this, and what you are talking about begins a process called "desertification". I have gone to other areas that have been treated by FS and have seen with my own eyes the degradation to the area, things are not growing back, and areas that were once beautiful look devastated. I also know that FS is not doing the required monitoring after such projects that are in fact required by your own guidelines.

Furthermore I just read a recently released study on climate change, identifying the one most significant thing we can do to curb climate change to be PLANTING trees, stating we could completely turn things around faster this way than any other. So it makes no sense when you look at the big picture, for the FS to be cutting down such significant numbers of trees, especially at this time. It is so short sighted, and I believe completely the wrong approach.

The FS is exacerbating the greatest problem of our time, and at the same time destroying the natural beauty of our region.

This is public land, and it is required by law that the FS listen to the people, and everyone I know opposes this project. At the very least an EIS MUST be required.

Respectfully,
Lyra Barron
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Questions for scoping

1) The project fails to address the impact of "thinning" (aka clearcutting) and burning forests on the severe global warming that Earth is already experiencing and that is increasing at a much higher rate than the Forest Service has ever acknowledged. Current science is clear that the most powerful and doable solution to global warming within the jurisdiction of the Forest Service is to plant trees that will sequester carbon--NOT cut them down and burn them up, which releases into the atmosphere the carbon that trees have sequestered. The exacerbating impact of the project on global warming must be studied thoroughly and MUST be studied in comparison with the sane and scientific approach, which would be to PLANT TREES not cut them down and burn them up.

2) The whole project must be thoroughly analyzed by an Environmental Impact Statement.

2) Analysis should be site-specific, not "condition-based."

3) The Scoping Document is severely lacking in a range of important information that is needed to write meaningful scoping comments. See #1, above.

4) The scoping comment period must be extended so the public has more time to engage and to become informed. It must be extended due to the fact that the Forest Service failed to provide a way that the public could actually comment via email, by setting up an email comment opportunity that appeared to submit users' comments but in reality returned them as "undeliverable," with no alternative functional email address.

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