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Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency plan.

Greetings,

Any large scale forest restoration project must have a commercial component unless the entities involved simply admit they are just going to use public funds for a lengthy and expensive process with no intent to bring benefit to the community at large.

To deny the community access to materials, paying work and engagement from youth to senior, is to deny a vital arm of any holistic environmental approach.

The Santa Fe watershed has been swayed for years by wealthy 'second homers' and the very well-to-do living on Canyon Road who unanimously said 'not in my back yard' (NIMBY's) to any removal of the simplest and most fundamental of forest products: firewood.

The NIMBY's somehow convinced all and sundry that NO trucks of any kind should be allowed on 'their road'.

Their road is NOT their road. It is a public thoroughfare which in days gone by saw thousands of tons of crops, wood, even fish, transported to town from the canyon and even the Pecos watershed beyond which was serviced by a network of trails and even the aborted Prison Road.

Educational entities should be engaged, work related training absolutely should be based in, on and around the project (forest worker safety training, commercial firewood processing, micro-sawmilling, fisheries, botanicals and others).

I stand eager and ready to bring sane, holistic and triple bottom line engagement to the entire process but it must be a given that the commercial leg of the stool that is overall scientific forestry is necessary and should have authority at the table of peers.

I believe this is NOT the case at present.

Respectfully,

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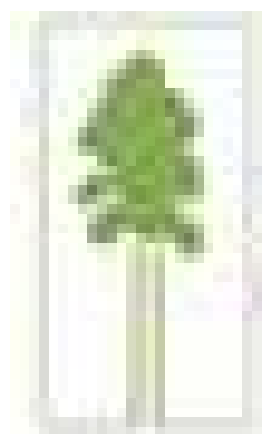
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From: [Romero, Steve F -FS](#)
To: [Bergemann, Hannah - FS](#); [Hurlocker, Sandy -FS](#)
Subject: FW: Santa Fe National Forest Seeks Public Comment on Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 4:31:55 PM
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Hi Hannah: for your project record.



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From: Romero, Steve F -FS
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To: david@oldwood.us
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Subject: RE: Santa Fe National Forest Seeks Public Comment on Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

You bet....I will mostly be available on my cell (505-690-0010) tomorrow. Call when you can.



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Subject: Re: Santa Fe National Forest Seeks Public Comment on Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

Hi Steve. I'm at the ranch. I'll call tomorrow.
I don't really have a request except that Forest industry have a seat at the table on this large scale project.

David Old.
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Romero, Steve F -FS <steve.romero@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi David: I tried your phone numbers below. Couldn't leave you a phone message ("mailbox was full"). As soon as you get a chance give me a call back so we can discuss your request below. Thanks....steve

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From: Overton, Julie Anne - FS
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Subject: RE: Santa Fe National Forest Seeks Public Comment on Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

Hi David,

You raise some really good points. I'm forwarding your email to Hannah Bergemann, the SFNF lead for Fireshed projects, and the two District Rangers, Sandy Hurlocker and Steve Romero, for their consideration as they launch the scoping process and put together the public meetings.

Thank you for the input and your ongoing interest in the health of the Santa Fe NF!

Best,

Julie Anne

From: David Old [<mailto:david@oldwood.us>]

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 4:02 PM

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Hi Julie Anne,

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Advance planning in terms of goals, methods and the all important funding aspect are vital to any successful outcome for this important project.

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To that end, I'd suggest engaging with parties from the 4FRI and you might want to start out with Buck Sanchez at ABQ office and include but not limited to Dick Fleishman, Han Sup Han, Patrick Rappold and others Buck might suggest. I'd also suggest you be sure that Brent Racher, president our states Forest Industry be included.

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On Jun 10, 2019, at 2:43 PM, Overton, Julie Anne - FS

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Santa Fe National Forest Seeks Public Comment on Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

SANTA FE, NM – June 10, 2019 – The Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) is soliciting public input on a proposed forest restoration project in the mountains near Santa Fe. The Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency (SFMLR) project is designed to restore forest and watershed health and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire across approximately 50,000 acres of the SFNF.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), comments received by July 10, 2019, will help determine the scope of the SFMLR project, including the environmental issues to be considered and the SFNF's proposed action and possible alternatives. The SFNF will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine the environmental impacts of the project. The public will also have an opportunity to comment on the draft EA. If the EA analysis determines that environmental impacts will be significant, the SFNF will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Historically, low-to moderate-intensity wildfires burned through the ponderosa pine/dry mixed conifer forests of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains every seven to 15 years. The SFMLR project would use prescribed fire and mechanical and hand thinning to restore frequent-fire forests to their historic natural condition and improve their resilience to major disturbances like wildfire, insects and disease, and climate change. The project also proposes riparian restoration and road improvements and decommissioning to improve watershed health. This work could begin as early as fall 2020. Initial treatments would occur over 10 to 15 years.

The SFNF has scheduled two public meetings during the scoping period for Forest Service staff to provide detailed information on the SFMLR project and answer questions. The public meetings will be held on:

- Monday, June 24, 2019, from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the SFNF Supervisor's Office, 11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe, NM
- Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at Hondo Fire Station 2, 645 Old Las Vegas Highway, Santa Fe, NM

Written comments can also be submitted by mail, email or in person. Additional information on the project and instructions on submitting comments can be found in the scoping document posted on the [project webpage](#).

The SFMLR project is part of a larger multi-partner collaborative, the [Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition](#), that came together after the Las Conchas Fire in the Jemez Mountains to proactively address the risk of high-severity wildfire and post-fire flooding and debris flow in and around Santa Fe. The Fireshed and the SFMLR project both build on the successful partnership between the City of Santa Fe and the SFNF for the long-term management of the Municipal Watershed to provide a reliable supply of water for city residents by maintaining

the health of the forest and mitigating the risk of wildfire within the 17,384-acre watershed. The SFMLR project area includes the terrain flanking both the north and south boundaries of the Municipal Watershed.

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