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controlled burns

Dear Mr. Melonas, I am very concerned about the huge number of burns that are being planned. There has been no environmental impact statement and very little public input into this project. I am concerned about the effects on the forests, the wildlife and all of us humans who are subject to the constant smoke polluting our precious Santa Fe air. I have not seen any evidence that these burns will actually prevent forest fires or help the fires.

I am also concerned about the impact the smoke is having on me personally as well as many others who are susceptible to the effects of smoke and chemicals with which you use to burn our precious forests. I am a health psychologist and many of my clients who already compromised have been unable to leave their houses for days on end, causing depression in addition to the lung and immunological problems they already have. I am concerned about children and the long term effects the smoke will have on their health.

I believe an impact study and open forum should happen prior to additional burns.

Sincerely,

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