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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

Jul 17, 2019

Forest Supervisor James Melonas

Dear Forest Supervisor Melonas,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Scoping Document for the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project. I appreciate the Forest Service soliciting public comment on this project, but have a number of concerns with the Forest Service's proposal:

1. An EA is inappropriate for a project of this scale and complexity that impacts many threatened and sensitive species, old growth forests, roadless areas and streams and riparian areas. Because this project will have significant impacts to these and other resources, a thorough, site-specific analysis of all environmental impacts in an Environmental Impact Statement is required.
2. The Forest Service must analyze a full range of alternatives to the agency's proposal, including the Santa Fe Conservation Alternative submitted by WildEarth Guardians and others.
3. The Forest Service must identify and implement the minimum road system on a landscape scale and employ a thoughtful, strategic approach to assuring public access while reducing negative impacts from forest roads to water quality and aquatic habitats, and improving watersheds and forest resiliency by returning expensive, deteriorating, and seldom-used forest roads to the wild.
4. The Forest Service must consider the best available science. The agency cannot cherry-pick the science and data to support its proposal while ignoring contrary, credible views and data.
5. Climate change intensifies the adverse impacts associated with tree thinning, prescribed burning, and roads. The Forest Service must consider the risks of increased disturbance when analyzing the proposed project, as part of the affected environment, and as part of the agency's hard look at impacts.
6. The Forest Service must analyze the cumulative impacts of the proposed project with all other past, present and foreseeable future projects within the broader landscape, including the Hyde Park and Pacheco Canyon projects, livestock grazing, and motorized use.

Sincerely,

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It seems we owe this much to our earth, the critters that WILL BE affected, the humans as well, our air quality which is already becoming a concern here lately

thank you for responding to these concerns before it is too late to change direction.

Thank-you for your consideration,

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To the guardians of our National Forests in Santa Fe,

Please complete a Comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement before burning acreage in the National Forest..

The scope of the plans as i have been made aware is vast and must consider the human , wildlife, and recreation damage that would result from these burns.

Also, the plan should be site specific, if implemented not a vague general approach to the entire 20,00- 40,000 acre proposal.

Please send updates. Thank-you for your consideration to this letter, concerns,

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