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Comments:

I oppose the thinning project. A study should be implemented as per federal law before any more thinning is enacted at the very least.

The data available on desert forest lands proves the thinning process simply dries the forest out, removes the protective cooling canopy and eventually destroys habitat, nutrients for trees and wildlife habitat.

I am against destruction of our trees when we need them most, under the guise of "forest resiliency", when it is clear there is a hidden agenda being put in to place.

Forest service should be planting millions of trees in damaged control burn areas including Los Alamos county instead of focusing on destroying the santa fe national forest. Trees have family ties to the trees around them that need to be considered and supported before cutting is implemented.

Old growth trees should not ever be cut down. Takes much longer for the trees to grow in this dry climate. The old growth trees provide critical habitat for wildlife and must maintained.

The forest should not be thinned.