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The Forest Service response to the current reaction to the Naranjo Fire shows the problems with their management of what they call the Fireshed:

"The Naranjo Fire is being managed for multiple resource benefits, such as: improve forest health, reduce fuel loadings and improve wildlife habitat for elk and deer.

"Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures."

There are two immediate problems with this approach: (1) managing a forest for "resources" including huntable wildlife such as elk and deer. (2) Dismissing health problems as a matter for only certain "sensitive individuals." In a time of climate crisis and extinction crisis, it is time for the Forest Service to take a different approach. We need to protect the forest ecosystem, not only the trees but also the wildlife who live there. "Thinning" forests exacerbates both the climate crisis and the extinction crisis. The result will be more fires, not fewer, until the entire forest has disappeared.

As the New York Times recently reported: "Restoring Forests Could Help Put a Brake on Global Warming, Study Finds"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/05/climate/trees-forests-climate-change.html>

It is long past time that the Forest Service recognized the science of climate change. Protect our forests, don't burn them!