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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

To the Santa Fe Forest Service Leaders,

If this burning of 50k acres of pristine forest is such a great idea, why not share it with the public, and allow a fair and transparent Environmental Impact review of all aspects of this burning before any more of it takes place? If you are truly concerned with climate change, the best way to keep the Forest Service on the payroll is to have them plant more trees, not destroy them. Trees provide our oxygen, and deplete the CO2 in the atmosphere, as well as preventing erosion and so very much more. But of course you must know this already, and are probably working on a planting project.

When you keep things that you're doing from the public, and act to block any fair process from taking place, (like a review and analysis that would insure that harm isn't being irreversibly committed), you destroy the public's faith in your institution. It's the very same principal as Donald Trump withholding his tax returns from the public. Step up and do the right thing.

And shame on our state officials who aren't looking into this with alarm and acting swiftly to postpone this burn until further and careful review.

Sincerely,  
M. Braiman