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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

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Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency Project, prescribed burn of 50,500 acres.

I am requesting a longer comment period and more public awareness on this project. The details of this project are insufficient for even a well-informed scientist to assess the potential impacts of burning and thinning of 50,500 acres of forest. Historically, NEPA has required project actions to be clearly specified, and the concept of putting a 'condition-based' treatment project through NEPA has not really been challenged. Clarity about treatments, and burning including key conditions, slope, and weather must be considered. A complete EIA assessment is needed.

The project intention of treating 100% of the two dominant forest types has been de-emphasized during the limited (2) public meetings.

This project seems to be on a fast track, adding to the public mistrust of the current administration's governing agencies. The USDA, EPA, BLM and the Department of the Interior have been gutted. The USDA is currently on track to dispel career climate scientists.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/moving-usda-research-agencies-is-part-of-trumps-war-on-science-and-statistics/2019/06/17/51c85328-9134-11e9-aadb-74e6b2b46f6a_story.html

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2019/07/15/interior-move-one-fifth-bureau-land-managements-dc-staff-out-west-part-larger-reorganization-push/>

The people of Santa Fe do not support this administration.
Thank You for considering my comment. I wish to remain informed.
Sincerely,
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