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Alternate plan to burning

Dear SFMLRP Person!

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Scoping Document for the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project and the hard work that's been done. Yet I do have a number of concerns with the Forest Service's proposal:

Firstly, this is a BIG DEAL for us here in the Santa Fe area and for the forest itself. Thus, it is appropriate - and possibly a legal requirement - that a complete Environmental Assessment be done. This really should form the basis of any plan going forward.

Secondly, while your proposal is "pretty good", it's not great. Therefore, the FS needs to also consider alternative plans. Personally, I favor the WildEarth Guardians' plan. But that may not be the best either. So all alternatives should be considered.

Thirdly, haven't we had enough burning of forests? The smoke is a hazard to human health, tourism and thus economic health. It's a very old way of going about thinning a forest. It's indiscriminate: fire doesn't know or care whether it's burning down old growth or new. There are other ways - more in line with our current climate crisis and also in line with current scientific methods that are now available to us.

So in closing it's my strong feeling and belief that we need a thorough EA for this Project. And a very careful look at alternative ways of achieving our objectives.

Thank you again for allowing me to comment and for your consideration of my comments.

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