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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:57:44 PM  
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Dear Mr. Melonas,

I am strongly opposed to the prescribed burn in the Santa Fe National Forest. I believe that burning down more forest will only add to the global warming and pollution problems that we are facing. Air quality here has been poor from neighboring fires off and on for years- no need to add to smoke.

Santa Fe, as the "City Different" can do better. Santa Fe and the surrounding areas are filled with brilliant beings from many walks of life including Native American Indians, think tanks, scholars, nature aficionados-look for healing answers instead of destructive. If anything actually needs to be done to help the forest, we can do better than the brutal devastation of controlled burns. Santa Fe National Forest is a huge part of the magic of this land. The forest helps clean our air, houses and protects countless life forms-including human, and serves as healer to our over stimulated souls.

If you go online, you will see companies and countries planting trees to help with our environmental problems- not burning them down. Santa Fe could be a leader in treating our forest as a part of our community to be revered and protected- and cleaned up respectfully if dead areas need assistance. We have so much to learn from our forest and its inhabitants - we need the stillness to listen.

I apologize that this letter is not organized very well. I am feeling the time pressure to make my stand known.

Thank you, Reina

Reina Santiago D.O.M.