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I am writing to object to the proposed plan for a number of reasons but, primarily, because of all the suffering that will be caused. And, I firmly believe such terrible suffering is so needless in that the very project proposed will have the inverse impact of the stated objectives.

First, I know that this project will cause immense suffering for all the creatures who live in the forest. It will destroy our forest and all the beautiful creation therein.

I am sad to think of the future suffering of the firefighters and others who are exposed to the chemicals that will be used in this project. While these may now be strong and healthy people today, in the long term, we will look back with regret at how this project caused their illnesses. I am sad to know of the short and long term suffering that this project will contribute to those who live near the chemical plants that manufacture the materials used in the prescribed or treated forests.

I am directly asking that this proposed plan not move in effect for my own sake.

My unique combination of genetics and having grown up near the manufacture of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War in the proud Chemical Valley(the Kanawha River Valley) of West Virginia has resulted in a life time of suffering for me.

It is so sad and disheartening to have tried to escape the impact of chemical manufacturing and utter disregard for the environment of my home state by moving to the beautiful pristine state of New Mexico only to find our federal government subjecting the people of New Mexico to the same horrors of illness and suffering as those in my beloved Mountain State.

Let me be clear, my genetic predisposition means that I suffer immediate effects from even minute exposures to the chemicals which will be released into the air near Santa Fe. I ask you to reconsider and not cause the harm the project will surely cause. I ask for myself and I ask to please end the suffering for our young people and other vulnerable individuals.

I recently suffered a major cerebral vascular event at my home in Santa Fe which is believed to be due, in part, from the smoke I have endured from recent prescribed or treated burns. It is very difficult for me to read and write at this time so I hope I will have another opportunity to "speak". I had to leave that home at great risk-as travel is quite risky for me-to try to get better.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you in this way.