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Comments:

Dear NM Forestry administrators and employees,

I strongly support the Santa Fe Conservation Alternative plan developed by the Wild Earth Guardians, Sierra Club and Defenders of Wildlife.

Please listen to citizens and groups which have combined their expertise to provide a workable plan. My read is that typical Forest Service thinning

treatments remove too many trees and too much understory which is a critical part of forest ecology. It sounds as if that policy will support

the bark beetle and disrupt wildlife habitat.

We must protect the forest from fires, but in a year when moisture is at about normal and may be for 6 years more with El Nino, why do this?

Thank you for reading my request. I will watch this policy develop with a sincere hope we don't act in a manner which is destructive rather than protective.

Sincerely,

Santa Fe, NM