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Concerns about thinning the forest

Hello,

I am a long time resident of Santa Fe. I was born and raised here (grew up in Canada de Los Alamos) and continue my adult life in this wonderful city. I am about to have a child and am excited about them growing up here in Santa Fe.

I love and cherish our forest and I know my child will too. Santa Fe is a gem that offers refuge from the hot desert landscape with a lush and plentiful forest. We are so fortunate.

I am concerned about the upcoming thinning of the forest. I understand and believe that forests need occasional burns and thinning, but the upcoming project the forest service intends to do is vague, not yet supported by thorough environmental research and a knee jerk reaction to fires in California, that have sadly affected people that have chosen to build in dangerous canyons and fire zones. We are not in the same position. I believe NPR called the nation wide forest service clearings "akin to commercial logging."

As I concerned citizen I urge you to slow down and do the proper research, inform the public of your actual intentions and allow our opinions to be heard. This is our forest too. Please consider the following:

A comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement is required for a project of this scope and size that may have significant impacts on the human environment and on resources such as recreation, Roadless Areas, and Wildlife (or any others you want to mention).

2) Analysis must be site-specific. The condition-based approach is too general and vague for it to be possible to even make meaningful scoping comments.

Thank you,

Aurora Hvidsten