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Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency Project

To whom it may concern:

The Forest Service proposes thinning 21,000 acres of our National Forest, with additional prescribed burns on 43,000 acres. With this proposal, the result could be the forest becomes ecologically broken. Please evaluate this.

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. Please analyze this.

Also, as a healthcare provider, I experience many, many of my patients suffering moderate to severe health issues when prescribed burns occur. Please evaluate these possible health repercussions.

The Analysis must be site-specific. The condition-based approach is too general and vague to make meaningful scoping comments.

There are many additional issues to be addressed: increased beetle outbreaks, impacts on wildlife, recreation, carbon sequestration by the trees, the effects of never allowing thinning areas to recover ecologically, effects on soils, such as erosion. Please evaluate this.

Thank you for your time,

Michele Flynn