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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project - Urgent comments

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To whom it may concern,

The proposed cutting of trees in the Santa Fe Mountains can have disastrous consequences on our environment and contribute to global warming. Please read what the world's leading scientists have warned us in their Landmark report published in October of 2018 as attached below. The US is supposed to be planting new forests the size of Canada, not cutting or thinning existing ones. Thinning existing forests accelerates the heating of the planet. Please do not do it.

The deadline for comments concerning the 50,000 acre Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project affecting the Canada de los Alamos Forest, the forest by the Amma Center, is July 10. The Forest Service proposes thinning 21,000 acres of our National Forest, with additional prescribed burns on 43,000 acres. Past such projects have been very severe, with over 90% of trees removed and then new growth burned off regularly. The forest becomes ecologically broken.

The publication of a landmark UN report in October, 2018 indicates that the world's leading scientists warned there are just a dozen years in which to keep global warming under 1.5C, (above preindustrial levels) beyond which even half a degree will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods and extreme heat.' In the Timeinc.net article dated October 10, 2018, titled: 'Here's what Humanity must do immediately to prevent catastrophic climate change,' "According to the new U.N. report called, Climate Change an Urgent and Potentially Irreversible Threat to Human Societies and the Planet,," warned that "delayed action would make it impossible to limit warming to 2.7degrees F." One of the important recommendations that is listed in this article, is for new forests to be planted equal to the size of Canada.

Regards,

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