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Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency plan.

Greetings,

Any large scale forest restoration project must have a commercial component unless the entities involved simply admit they are just going to use public funds for a lengthy and expensive process with no intent to bring benefit to the community at large.

To deny the community access to materials, paying work and engagement from youth to senior, is to deny a vital arm of any holistic environmental approach.

The Santa Fe watershed has been swayed for years by wealthy 'second homers' and the very well-to-do living on Canyon Road who unanimously said 'not in my back yard' (NIMBY's) to any removal of the simplest and most fundamental of forest products: firewood.

The NIMBY's somehow convinced all and sundry that NO trucks of any kind should be allowed on 'their road'.

Their road is NOT their road. It is a public thoroughfare which in days gone by saw thousands of tons of crops, wood, even fish, transported to town from the canyon and even the Pecos watershed beyond which was serviced by a network of trails and even the aborted Prison Road.

Educational entities should be engaged, work related training absolutely should be based in, on and around the project (forest worker safety training, commercial firewood processing, micro-sawmilling, fisheries, botanicals and others).

I stand eager and ready to bring sane, holistic and triple bottom line engagement to the entire process but it must be a given that the commercial leg of the stool that is overall scientific forestry is necessary and should have authority at the table of peers.

I believe this is NOT the case at present.

Respectfully,

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