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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

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Forest Supervisor James Melonas

Dear Forest Supervisor Melonas,

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.

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

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,

Sincerely,

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