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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

To: Mr. James Melonas, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest

Re: Scoping comments for the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

Mr. Melonas,

As a resident of Santa Fe County, I am alarmed by the enormous size of this project as well as the short comment period allowed, and the response by Forest Service employees that there will be no Environmental Impact Statement regarding effects on the forest. Please extend the comment period to 90 days which will allow for a more democratic process. Please extend the comment period to 90 days which will allow for a more democratic process. Please allow climate scientists with experience in forestry, such as Dr. Dominick Della Salla, PhD, to weigh in during this critical time of massive loss of species, habitat, and plants in our region and throughout the world. The last thing needed is to reduce carbon sequestering plants, our major buffer against the climate crisis. Please consider the negative health effects this excessive plan for burning has on vulnerable populations, such as children, elderly, and otherwise health compromised individuals (of which I happen to be one; won't belabor the negative effects it has on my health in this particular email). Please consider the effects on generations to come - are you a father, grandfather, uncle, brother or any relation to those of a younger generation? Please consider the legacy we are leaving those who will live in years to come. Although more labor intensive, intelligent and selective thinning by hand (as well as replanting desired species) is by far a safer option.

Thanks you for your service and care of our forests, and for your taking the time to consider the comments you are receiving about this initiative and allowing for the 90 day comment period.

Sincerely,

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