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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project-comment

I am signing the letter below. One of my major concerns is 'control burns' can get out of control quickly as in the Los Alamos fire some years back. It was a bad management decision to do a control fire when the winds were predicted to be high that day and they went ahead with it anyways. I guess they were afraid to call it off since these things are scheduled, I assume, months in advance but if we are to do control burns than those decisions to possibly call it off if windy must be made by responsible people when necessary. Also I have concern about the wildlife that is too slow to escape these fires. How will you protect them? These things need to be addressed.

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Letter to comments-southwestern-santafe@fs.fed.us

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Scoping Document for the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project. I appreciate the Forest Service soliciting public comment on this project, but have a number of concerns with the Forest Service's proposal:

1. An EA is inappropriate for a project of this scale and complexity that impacts many threatened and sensitive species, old growth forests, roadless areas and streams and riparian areas. Because this project will have significant impacts to these and other resources, a thorough, site-specific analysis of all environmental impacts in an Environmental Impact Statement is required.
2. The Forest Service must analyze a full range of alternatives to the agency's proposal, including the Santa Fe Conservation Alternative submitted by WildEarth Guardians.
3. The Forest Services should identify and implement the minimum road system and employ a thoughtful, strategic approach to assuring public access while reducing negative impacts from forest roads by returning deteriorating, and seldom-used forest roads to the wild.
4. Climate change intensifies the adverse impacts associated with tree thinning, prescribed burning, and roads. The Forest Service must consider the risks of increased disturbance when analyzing the proposed project as part of the affected environment, and as part of the agency's hard look at impacts.
6. The Forest Service must analyze the cumulative impacts of the proposed project with all other present and foreseeable future projects within the broader landscape, including the Hyde Park and Pacheco Canyon projects, livestock grazing, and motorized use.

Sincerely,  
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