



New Mexico
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Travis G. Moseley, Forest Supervisor
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RE: Public scoping on Integrated Non-Native Invasive Plant Management Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Moseley,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) primary mission is "Helping the People, Helping the Land". NRCS provides America's farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance to put conservation on the ground, not only helping the environment but agricultural operations as well. By doing so the NRCS has also partnered with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, State Land Office, Tribal, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and private landowners to assist with larger landscape scale conservation efforts, financially and technically. As an Area Rangeland Management Specialist, I submit the following comments:

1. I am in favor of Alternative B as this alternative enables the Lincoln National Forest to consider all treatments options available, using the best available science and adaptive management strategies to address the spread of non-native invasive species across National Forest System managed lands.
2. This alternative gives the Lincoln National Forest the most flexibility to adapt treatment of non-native invasive species. By enabling the Lincoln National Forest to address the issue of non native invasive species the Forest should be able to limit the spread, eradicate the non-native invasive species and restore/maintain the plant community to a more natural and historical ecological state.
3. This alternative provides the level of protection necessary to also minimize risk of adverse environmental or social impacts to the extent possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amalia Montoya".

Amalia Montoya
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