

Multiple
Chemical
Sensitivities

TASK FORCE of New Mexico

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To: Debbie Cress
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Re: The Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

The Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) Task Force is a statewide advocacy organization comprised of chemically sensitive New Mexicans and supporters. Formed in 1997, we are dedicated to increasing awareness of MCS and educating others about the hazards of high and low level environmental exposures.

Smoke from prescribed fires poses a significant public health threat, especially to those with chemical sensitivities, asthma, and other respiratory conditions.

Attached is a report entitled "*Human Health Effects of Wildland Smoke*" that summarizes the most up-to-date and available science on this issue.

The impact of smoke on the human environment needs to be carefully analyzed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

The proposal to use herbicides in the Santa Fe National Forest is also a public health threat. Herbicides are toxic chemicals that can get into the air and pollute land and water. An EIS should also examine the adverse health impacts of herbicides on the human environment, including impacts on vulnerable populations, such as those with chemical sensitivities.

Please keep me informed of developments regarding this project.

Thank you.

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