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## Objections and Comments regarding the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

The Responsible Official is Forest Supervisor Debbie Cress, and the project is located in the Santa Fe National Forest, in the Espanola and Pecos – Las Vegas Ranger Districts

The Letter ID from the comment and objection period in 2021 is 55088-4106-89. My primary concern on 10/28/21 was that an Environmental Impact Statement was required for this project, as it would clearly be necessary in order to evaluate the probable negative effects on the vegetation and wildlife in the affected area, and the harmful health effects on people from the use of “controlled burns”.

Far from addressing my concern, the Forest Service has gone much further in a negative and irrational direction by invoking a “FONSI”, which is completely inappropriate. The effect of respiratory health problems on the Santa Fe population during recent “prescribed burns” has been dangerous and even life threatening. The documented serious reaction to smoke from so called “controlled burns” is an unacceptable burden and risk for all citizens, pets, farm animals, and wildlife, and proves there is A VERY SERIOUS IMPACT involved. This is so clear and irrefutable, that the FONSI is obviously inaccurate, and therefore is invalid. The Forest Service has failed to address and respond to my concerns, as apparently they believe they can ignore 98% of the public comments & objections!

The unbelievable destruction caused by the “controlled burn” ignited during the careless and ignorant Las Dispensas Prescribed Burn on 4/6/22 is a good example of the tremendous Impact of only one of many such poorly timed fires.

The condition-based approach would certainly not be allowed in the creation of a thorough Environmental Impact Statement, as site -specific information would be required in order to make a valid decision regarding the Significant Impact. For instance, the manner in which the Inventoried Roadless Areas would be treated absolutely requires site-specific analysis and planning.

The lack of Sufficient Notice of project comment periods, and this lack of legally required public input, is another reason that the Forest Service does not have the right to declare a “Finding of No Significant Impact”. By excluding the public in making this judgement and ignoring our demand for the Environmental Impact Statement, the Forest Service is acting illegally and is therefore further diminishing their own right to make such a judgement!

Please plan and advertise more public meetings about this project, and initiate the creation of the Environmental Impact Statement immediately! Thank you! David Birnbaum