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May 12, 2022

To: Regional Forester
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From: Willa Tanas
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Re: The Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency Project-Objections

Dear Regional Forester, Espanola Forest District,

The USFS has not listened to all the people who have asked for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rather than just an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this large of a project.

The findings of "No significant impact" for a project encompassing 58,000 acres with thousands of acres of trees thinned and 38,000 acres burned using prescribed burns is unbelievable.

It is imperative that a full and complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be done.

In view of the recent prescribed burns in New Mexico that have gone completely out of control, including the Las Dispensas prescribed burn (USFS, April 6, 2022) and Overview Fire (BLM, April 7, 2022), the Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency Project must not be approved. The USFS is not properly managing our forest or their prescribed fires.

The USFS "Las Dispensas" prescribed burn, now called the "Hermit's Peak" wildfire, has now burned nearly 260,000 acres, burned hundreds of

generational homes and ranches, killed cattle, sheep, pigs, horses as well as other livestock, family pets and wildlife. Thousands of people have had to evacuate from their homes and many will not have homes or livelihoods to go back to.

The fire continues to grow and spread with our spring's gusty winds with red flag warnings nearly every day.

The smoke from the fire is severely affecting the health of thousands of people as well as animals and wildlife. The forest may never recover from this fire according to experts.

The USFS has been irresponsible in managing our forests. It is not acceptable that a project of this magnitude be allowed to go forward.

Please also see my previously submitted comments from October 15th, 2021 on this project below. I am elderly and disabled and am severely impacted by the toxic smoke emitted from prescribed burns and the toxic chemical accelerants used to start these fires. The health of people and wildlife from the toxic smoke impacts from prescribed burns must be further studied and addressed.

The Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency Project must be stopped and not approved as it now stands. A full and thorough Environmental Impact Statement must be done which includes the evaluation of plans to do dangerous and potentially catastrophic prescribed burns on 38,000 acres of the public's national forest.

Sincerely,
Willa Tanas

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Please see my previous comments/objections of October 15, 2021 below.

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Comments: I become very ill every time there is a prescribed burn on the Santa Fe National Forest. I live in a constant state of dread worrying about when the next burn will take place and how sick I will become. Even though I tape all my doors and windows shut, and run HEPA air filters in every room, my asthma gets much worse and I suffer from severe headaches and pain throughout my body. During burning I am stuck in my house unable to go to needed doctor appointments. Sometimes it is not even safe to open the door briefly to receive a food delivery. I've seen studies on the news talking about the ill effects of smoke on people's health, both on those with pre-existing conditions, children, and the

elderly, and those who were previously healthy. The Forest Service continues to ignore these public health impacts of their burning and should assess them in an environment impact statement (EIS) for this project.