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Good day, My last comments pertaining to my letter on the Santa Fe Mountain Landscape Resiliency Project: Doesn't such a massive project demand site specifics? Shouldn't it? An EIS would be able to address this issue. There are huge differences in slope, terraria, moisture, and species. I feel employing more experts in botany and biology would address these issues as the studies are being done. This is hardly the time to lose diversity. Wildfires travel fast, unlike the chemical prescribed burns. Protection around structures and towns and cities is much more effective than burning out in the forest. Fires will happen and need to happen. Rather than burning by prescribed burns, the attention should be put towards protecting slopes and waterways and structures. Those who have chosen to live in the WUI need take responsibility of their immediate area. Our trees are here now and the dying and dead ones make the soil alive. Prescribed burns ruin those. All the green fir trees cut for the pile burns burn way too hot. As we have seen the Calf Canyon prescribed burn very little can live with the underground fire burning for months. A wildfire would have charged through and not have destroyed the life in the soil. Rotten wood may smoulder but it is not hot. The roads have always been a problem in the forest, there are hundreds of them. The new contingency line is the worst that I have seen. The erosion will be terrible. It has been so well stated that man cannot put out a large fire, that is why staying closer to cities and towns for protection is the only answer. Yes our forests will burn. When we know not. Protecting near home and it might be pretty ugly but we can then see the resiliency of the forest. Thank you, emmy koponen



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