November 30, 2023

Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor Seral 2.0 Responsible Official

Dear Jason:

We are writing about our concern about controlled burning in the coming year under the Social and Ecological Resilience across the Landscape 2.0 (Seral 2.0 Project). We own a cabin at Pinecrest and had to go home early during Memorial Day this year due to the smoke that was encompassing the entire area. We go to our cabin for fresh mountain air and it is disturbing to get there and breathe smoke!

Is there any way to burn during the spring and fall and leave the weekends and summer weeks smoke free? Is there an alternative to burning? What about burying the branches and brush? Polluting the skies and our lungs is very unhealthy and not good for the planet.

Please consider alternatives to this controlled burning, especially when there are a lot of people at Pinecrest!

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for hearing our concerns.

Best Regards,

Barbara Kyser