

STOP THE PRESCRIBED BURN AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY
PETITION - June 1, 2024

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The Forest Service's proposal to implement a "Prescribed Burn" to reduce hazardous tree fuel threats in the NM165, Las Huertas Creek Project is apparently flawed and must be updated.

1. Its **PURPOSE AND NEEDS REPORT** and **POWERPOINT** slides presented to our community on April 24th have **NOT** been developed using the latest enhanced modeling, analysis and decision-making improvements and enhancements **OR** its own Best Practices.
2. Its recommended Prescribed Burn may **NOT** reflect the optimum way to resolve the project's challenges and risks.
3. In almost every case, little or no backup supporting information was provided to the **PUBLIC** relative to the basis for selection a prescribed burn in this steep, isolated canyon.
4. Numerous potentially serious **QUESTIONS, CONCERNS** and **UNCERTAINTIES** exist as to the Safety of the proposed Prescribed Burn. They constitute **EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES** that **MUST** be addressed in future studies and analyses.



FOREST SERVICE PLEASE:

1. DELAY YOUR DIRECTION TO FINALIZE THE PRESCRIBED BURN IN JULY 2024,
2. Enhance/replace your current project recommendation by performing the **NECESSARY AND COMPLIANT** Environmental Assessment (EA) and if appropriate Environmental Investigation Study (EIS),
3. Include probabilistic risk management modeling of future conditions and future planning requirements
4. Welcome and implement a highly proactive community/shareholder "partnering" arrangement with local communities and with the other potentially impacted Public.

SIGNATURE:

My signature on this Petition constitutes my formal submittal of a comment to "STOP THE BURN" and to conduct the necessary an Environmental Assessment studies to arrive at the Safest remedy. Substantial additional justification of my decision has been presented to the Forest Service in a formal Comments submitted by Myron Temchin.