

Comment on a Forest Service Proposed Burn in Placitas

The North Sandia Forest Service Station has planned a much-needed forest thinning project that includes a “controlled burn” as an alternative. Given the Forest Service (FS) recent history in “controlling” their controlled burns, we are demanding that the FS update this plan to include findings from the 2022-2024 extensively detailed “lessons learned” they were forced to conduct to minimize the risk to our community.

Please sign below to voice your support to adapt a safer approach to thinning the Forest Service lands in Placitas

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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. North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project is what you named it in your comments

1. Its PURPOSE AND NEEDS REPORT and POWERPOINT slides presented to our community on April 24th have NOT been developed using Forest Services own Lessons Learned Reports 2022-2024.
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 Environmental Assessment studies to arrive at the Safest remedy. See additional information and more detailed explanation presented to the Forest Service in formal comments submitted by the Las Placitas Association Project Manager Myron Temchin.