

September 2024 Comment Form



Request for public input on the Hermit Peak Calf Canyon (HPCC) Fire Recovery Project. Please describe projects on Santa Fe National Forest land that will benefit you and your community. Comments do not have to be received solely on this form. You can also send a comment by email or use our online CARA commenting system.

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What are your ideas for work we need to do in the HPCC burned area? (examples: trail re-route, road work, fence repair, flooding issues, other):

Location: Burro Basin area (East of & below Elk Mtn., East of Skyline Trail) from Forest 645 Rd., proximity of Wessner Spring, motorized trail connects to old Viveash Fire Line Trail, which continues southeasterly on the Southwest side of Burro canyon, eventually intersecting with Burro Basin Trail #251 at the point where said trail crosses & connects Gallinas and Burro Canyons. I request this Trail remain OPEN and USABLE, as it is the key for access to a large area of Forest lands used by different entities (in keeping with F.S. mission of multi-use on public lands) : Hunters; Recreational users; Fuelwood harvesters; Forest Service & other Agency Evaluators & Managers (access to both Viveash & HPCC areas), myself as grazing permittee (enabling me to better locate & manage permitted, F.S. Tagged & Virtual Fence Collared cattle for improved grazing management & better riparian area protection). For the last several years, there has been a deliberate effort by unknown party(ies) to close, disrupt, & block this trail. This area neither is wilderness nor has wilderness characteristics, therefore I humbly request this trail to remain open & reasonable access enforced by Forest Service. Thank you for your consideration.

Location: Beaver Permit Grazing Allocation, SFNF; entire Beaver Permit Grazing Unit. As SFNF permittees on the Beaver Permit, we have been running less than half (less than 50%) of the permitted cows (for resource protection). Could there be a post-fire evaluation of capable acres on the Beaver Permit? Due to HPCC & the possibility of better grazing management due to the technology of Virtual Fence; there are now quite likely more capable acres. I also request, at the time of the upcoming environmental evaluations, consideration to be given to the possibility of allowing the Beaver Permit to be managed as 2 (two) grazing units, consisting of the two different geographical areas: one, the approximate Lone Pine, Beaver, & Hollinger area; and two, the approximate Burro, Burro Basin, areas bordered by "Mine", Extreme Upper Gallinas, & Viveash Fire Area (only that East of Skyline Trail, that which is within existing Beaver Permit perimeter). The reason for this is the historical geographic barriers separating the two areas, extreme difficulty of terrain communication and movement (and currently even more difficulty due to current & expected ongoing disruptions from the HPCC Fire) and better possibilities of improved resource management & conservation if operated as two units. I sincerely urge you to grant consideration to this proposal. Thank you.