



October 16, 2025

U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Santa Fe National Forest
Supervisor's Office
11 Forest Lane
Santa Fe, NM 87508

RE: NMAA Comments Regarding the U.S. Forest Service Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon Fire Recovery Project Environmental Assessment Purpose & Need and Proposed Actions

The New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA) has been actively involved in the ongoing recovery efforts following the Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon Fire and cascading events. The New Mexico Acequia Association is a grassroots, membership based organization of acequias and community ditches in New Mexico. Since 1989, we have been working to protect acequias and agricultural water rights and accessibility through community education, organizing, and advocacy. Please see our comments attached (comments in the side bar) to the Santa Fe National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service on the Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon Fire Recovery Project Environmental Assessment Purpose & Need and Proposed Actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Garcia".

Paula Garcia
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyssa Ortiz".

Alyssa Ortiz
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