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Comments: The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) board of supervisors would like to take this opportunity to thank the USFS for allowing the SWCD to review and comment on the proposed draft Lincoln National Forest Management Plan and draft Environment Impact study. With approximately 33.1% of District lands owned by state and federal governments, the cultural, social-economic impacts associated with the Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear District are significant. People and various cultures have been living off these lands long before the Lincoln National Forest (LNF) was created. Today, the citizens depend on the multirole aspects of the LNF with agricultural and recreational activities within the District. Managing the LNF is a complex operation requiring the management team to balance and protect the health of the forest, plant and animal species, watershed during a drought, and fire safety while supporting the multiuse mission. These comments stress the importance of a continued and dedicated effort to maintain a collaborative, diverse team composed of Forest Service, County and local governments, and other County stakeholders. These comments stress the importance of recognizing private property and water rights with private lands bordering and/or imbedded with LNF lands. The social-economic impacts of all management actions or activities should be discussed with all stakeholders before implementation. Finally, the District does not support any increases to the LNF Wilderness areas. The 40K+ acres proposed play a significant role with the agricultural industry in this part of New Mexico. With the ever-changing climate conditions the world is experiencing, these areas need more direct management not less. The numbers of catastrophic fires in the western states prove this need for direct management.