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Comments: I live in La Cueva, near Glorieta and wanted to express my strong support for the planned Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project. I've lived here for 24 years, saw what the area looked like before any thinning started and have watched as you have done the Block A - E project up our road. The benefits to the biodiversity have been amazing. For the first 10 or so years that I lived here I never saw one deer. No bobcats or turkeys or raptors of any kind. A few years after the thinning (yours as well as mine and other residents of LC) started I saw my first deer. In the succeeding years so many species of plants and animals have become established. It is an entirely different ecosystem from the Pinyon/Juniper/Pondorosa desert that we had before.

We all know that you are going to be hearing howls of protest over this project from a very vocal minority, but I want you to know that there is a large and quiet majority of residents around here who see the benefits to the ecosystem (as well as to ourselves through better fire resiliency) who are in full support of what you are doing now as well as what you are planning for the future. The Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project is just the kind of big and bold project that is what is going to save the forest from devastation. Thanks for thinking on such a large scale. Keep up the good work.