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Comments: Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project is a misguided effort to prevent catastrophic wildfire that is based on bad science. Destroying the forest through thinning and prescribed burning is not the way to "save" the forest. A visit to La Cueva or the watershed near Black Canyon shows how devastating these thinning/burning projects can be. Both areas are now forest graveyards.

The historic town of Greenville, CA was destroyed on August 4, 2021. Most of the fire spread was in areas that had been previously thinned. The areas where there was understory left intact did not burn nearly as much as the thinned areas.

There are so many reasons why the Resiliency Project is a bad idea: removing trees when carbon dioxide is being pumped into the atmosphere at an alarming rate is just foolhardy, not to mention the damage from erosion and the negative impacts to wildlife, the health effects of smoke from the prescribed burns and the economic impact to surrounding communities.

What the Forest Service really needs to do is conduct an Environmental Impact Study instead of the totally inadequate Environmental Assessment.