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Dear US Forestry Service:

I am writing regarding the Santa Fe Mountain Project.

As a resident of Santa Fe, a lover of forests, trees, hiker and concerned citizen:

I would like to protest the unnatural speed, biased conclusions, related to considering "thinning" burns in the Santa Fe Forest.

Most citizens who have studied this project, dispute the finding that large, frequent controlled burns such as have been in use recently are helpful. There is a lot of science to support the conclusion that in fact they are quite harmful to the long term health of the forest, the air we breathe, and the risk of large fires.

If only scientists who have promoted these burns (without any reduction in the massive fires we have recently experienced) are given voice in these discussions, I believe we will all suffer the consequences. We will lose the forest, have MORE fires, breathe smoke-filled air from these burns with little or no evidence of benefit, short or long term.

Please engage in a thorough review, take into account ALL scientific sides of the argument with a proper, honest, environmental review.

Sincerely yours,

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