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Comments: Dear Forest Service team,

I am writing to you to encourage you to change course with the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project.

My family have lived in Santa Fe county for nearly 100 years and the landscape, water and air are vital parts of our connection to this unique watershed. As people connected to agriculture, history and the arts we feel strongly that the forest must remain protected.

Please address the issues below and thank you for your potential willingness to let the trees live and nature take her course. Increasing science points to the importance of diversity, mother trees and allowing the slow process of decay and regeneration.

Sincerely,

Melanie West

- 1) A comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement, with a full range of alternatives, must be completed for this project. This project is very controversial. The effects on the human environment and forest resources have not been adequately analyzed.
- 2) The condition-based approach must not be utilized in the analysis of this project. Site-specific information must be provided.
- 3) A broad range of the best available science must be incorporated in the planning and analysis of this project. That has not been done so far, and science that does not support the Proposed Action has been largely ignored.
- 4) The public must be genuinely included in project planning. The public's concerns have not been seriously taken into account in relation to their requests that prescribed burning be decreased and health impacts from prescribed burn smoke documented and considered, and in relation to their request that a conservation approach be taken in the planning of the project. The Forest Service has minimized publicly what they intend to do, and what the potential impacts could be.