

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2021 3:43:33 PM

First name: Bill

Last name: Dam

Organization:

Title:

Comments: The Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project #55088 is unacceptable as described in the current draft EA. I have lived in that area and enjoyed hiking on USFS managed land. Myself and many friends/residents have asthma and other health concerns that require clean air, minimal not increased burning, and notifications prior to prescribed burns. How will information on burning schedules be communicated and in what languages - including to the local native Americans, Hispanics, and Anglo citizens? The federal government should consider people at risk of health impacts from prescribed burns and offer mitigation such as HEPA air filters

A full EIS is needed to provide adequate public awareness and evaluate this major federal action. The final PEIS National Forest System Land Management Planning dated 2012 is out of date to support the draft EA for Santa Fe and many other parts of the US where similar measures are being proposed. The USFS has not provided adequate cost-benefit analyses with alternatives that include impacts to climate change, increases in carbon emissions from prescribed burns, use of herbicides, degraded water quality due to the prescribed burns from chemicals, erosion, and more impacts.

It is unreasonable to compare potential future wildfires as the motivation for prescribed burns when there have already been many wildfires in the Santa Fe National Forest. Drought conditions will only worsen with increasing climate change making forest vulnerable to future fires even after prescribed burns reduce the "fuel." Given the importance of this decision on the region, more updated scientific consideration is needed through the EIS process.