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I am writing with regard to the Santa Fe Mountains Resiliency Project. It is imperative that our community have transparency from the forest service about the impacts of this project on both ecosystem health and human health both in the near term and in the long term.

The project area in question is important to me for many reasons: personal, recreational, spiritual, and communal. I am deeply concerned about the impacts of this project on the forest, mountains, animals, and greater ecosystem, including human health and climate impacts as a result of this proposed project.

Specifically, I am asking that the following issues be addressed:

A comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement, with a full range of alternatives, must be completed for this project. We need a full analysis of the effects on the human environment and the whole of the forest ecosystem.

Site-Specific information, rather than the condition-based approach must be utilized in the analysis of this project. The parameters for treatments are so generalized that we know neither where the treatments will occur nor how they will be carried out in a site-specific way.

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.

The public must be genuinely included in project planning. The public's concerns about forest health and ecosystem impacts and smoke impacts on human health (especially in this time of COVID) have not been seriously taken into account.

We need an EIS, transparency, and an evaluation of this project using best available, current science, which calls into question these large-scale cut and burn projects. Our old ways of doing things are not relevant or sustainable in this time of profound climate disruption. We must carefully consider the effects of this project for our families, community, and the region as a whole.