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Comments: "Please slow down and get an Environmental Impact Statement done, as the evidence of damage in other parts of the state is severe."

The plan targets 20-30% of the Canada Forest as a potential thinning area, which burning will affect not only the La Canada area, but all of Santa Fe, and our watershed.

As has been evidenced in other parts of the state, the burns kill not only understory, small and medium sized trees and scorch larger trees, but will also damage or destroy the soil's nutrients and capacity for recovery.

You propose to burn every 5-15 years, a time period that current ecological science says won't be long enough to allow either understory or soil ecology to recover, especially during a 100-year drought.

The plan is based upon old paradigm science, and is ecologically damaging and bad for human health due to so much prescribed burning and the smoke that ensues, and the chemicals they propose to use in tandem with the burning, which are likely to include herbicides and fire retardants.

Once the project decision is made, you can thin wherever you choose, and the public will no longer have input.

Although there has been a draft environmental assessment, there is so much that is wrong in it, in terms of environmental law, ecology, and the assessment of the health impacts of so much more prescribed burn smoke.

Again, please slow the process and get a full environmental impact statement done before you proceed with any action in our forests.