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I am writing concerning the Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project. As a native New Mexican, born and raised here in Santa Fe, I returned home after college and have settled here to raise my family due to the high quality of life we experience here. Our healthy forests are a huge contributing factor when it comes to that high quality of life. I have chosen to raise my family here and for over a decade dedicate myself to teaching in the public schools here in Santa Fe because of the high quality of life here and every week, if not daily, we are all deeply grateful for the healthy forests- either through hiking, viewing or appreciating the pristine air in this area etc., etc., etc. There are a multitude of other benefits to having healthy forests- too many to detail them all here.

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 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.

Thank you so much for understanding the seriousness and significance of this situation.

Mollie West and family