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Comments: RE: Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

I wander through the trails out in Canada de los Alamos on a daily basis, something that has been good for my health, both physically and mentally. I have a tremendous amount of gratitude for the nature that we are able to experience here - it is something that truly makes our state special. I am also appreciative of our Forest Service for their stewardship of our public lands. I am asking for the consideration of an EIS before continuing with the forest maintenance as proposed. I believe this project will have significant adverse impacts on the human and forest environment. I also believe that the frequent prescribed burn smoke in the mountains outside of Santa Fe would have a substantial adverse impact on human health. It is in no way proven that prescribed burns substantially replace wildfire or that prescribed burns do not increase the amount of smoke we breathe. In fact, indications are that prescribed burns are largely in addition to wildfire. The Forest Service must do the analysis to determine how much more smoke the public will be breathing as a result of this project, compared to the "No Action" alternative. Furthermore, Widespread and aggressive thinning and burning does not improve the scenic quality of the forest; it degrades it.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to voice my comments.