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Comments: While I agree entirely with the practice of reducing forest surface build-up, I disagree with the practice of reducing tree densities or thinning canopy. Practices that reduce the probability of extreme wildfires should never impact tree health and the USDA Forest Service' idea of "density" and canopy architecture has shown itself to be wanting as it is rarely species specific but rather the broad brush approach which is always detrimental to tree structure and its varied functions.

In addition, in your employing practices such as CONTROLLED burns, please make certain that the incidents experienced in New Mexico do NOT repeat themselves. The Forest Service should not be the instigators of extreme wildfires.