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RE: Peloncillo FireScape project

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed Peloncillo FireScape-Fire Management Plan (PFMP).

As a landowner adjacent to the proposed Fire Plan, I concur that prescribed and naturally occurring fire caused by lightning can be a catalyst for restoration of vegetation and ecosystems within the Peloncillo Mountains.

I appreciate the fact that you will be involving the ranchers with private lands and inholding improvements intermingled with the federal lands in the future planning process.

I would also encourage you to involve adjacent ranchers in this process also. As you are aware, a prescribed fire does not always stay within the boundaries established for it.

As an adjacent landowner/rancher whose ranching unit lies within the boundaries of the Malpai Borderlands Group's map, I would appreciate knowing what is being planned around or near my private property and inholdings.

In conclusion, I would like to stay informed of these projects, especially any plans that might impact my ranching unit and economic viability, as the planning process progresses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Keeler