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Comments: As a native New Mexican, I have seen first hand how the US Forest Service acts without consideration for the land, water, air, trees, animals and human communities when doing so called "thinning." Which leave massive piles of slash, degrades the land and removes 70% of the trees. This destructive behavior was directly responsible for huge catastrophic fires in Northern NM. And fueled enormous mistrust, for good reason.

And so, while it sounds like a commendable project "Old Growth" will not promote the health and welfare of our forests and forest communities, but will, as we have seen here in New Mexico, simply log our forests adding to the climate crisis: drought, high temperatures and suffering. "Old Growth" is Forest Service double speak for clear cutting.

Therefore I do not support your misguided, already funded project.