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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important forestry work. I fully support all efforts here and appreciate all of the work that has gone into this proposal and project. I fully support the use of thinning and prescribed fire to reduce catastrophic wildfire and to protect the health of the forest. It is obvious you all have done the homework in a way that is responsible and comprehensive.

I am not a forester, nor do I have the expertise that you all have in pulling this together. However, as a 32-year resident of Sandia Park and a frequent user of the trails and the forest, I feel compelled to comment on a couple of items. I use the lower Sandia trails in the Armijo section of this proposal, likely 150 days a year. Nearly all of the trails under the Armijo section of the proposal are trails I use for mountain biking, hiking and running. It is a special area and deserves the attention that you all are giving it. That said. I have two comments: 1) I ask that you do all you can to keep the trails open as often as possible throughout the year. Understanding the heavy use will be May to October. The trails are used by local residents, folks from Albuquerque and tourists every day and are the most accessible trails on the east side of the mountain. In fact, I would say, these set of trails (Armijo, Pine Drop, La Barba, Un Poquinto etc.) are the best trails in the entire Sandia trail system. So please try to keep them open and accessible as much as possible. It is a healthcare system to many folks. 2) I am sure you all have thought it thru, however, I have some concern about building the temporary road and allowing commercial fuelwood contractors to access it on that road. I can see where you all need the ability to get into that area, however, it would seem it could be done without building a road, similar to what had been done along Faulty above Armijo. Wildlife is abundant in that area, precisely because there is no vehicle traffic. And I am not a hydrologist, but it would seem construction of a road might have the ability to impact the perennial streams that exist in Armijo and the other canyons in that area. And I am not sure what impacts this might have to the aquifer and wells that exist just outside the forestry boundaries. I am confident you all have considered this but will provide this comment anyway. If there is a way to do the work without construction of a road OR allowing commercial fuel wood operations or permittees, that would be my preference for what that is worth.

thank you so much for allowing the opportunity to provide comment. And keep up the excellent work in protecting our natural resources and our local national forest. You all are to be commended for all the work you have put into this project and proposal. I wish you the best of luck.