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Comments: I am opposed to the Forest Service's plan to conduct prescribed burns in the Las Huertas canyon, part of the North Sandia Fuels Reduction plan. The Highway 165 corridor is steep and crowded with vegetation, making prescribed burns incredibly risky. I live along this corridor, and having prescribed burns happening near my home and the homes and farms of my neighbors is frightening and seems like a plan that has not taken into account the numerous risks. This land represents a wildland area, a fragile watershed, a historic acequia, and a residential zone. The local community and associated organizations have requested hand thinning, removal of large fuels, and chipping of fine fuels for some time, as we have a deep understanding of this geography. These methods will protect the people, wildlife, watershed, and property of the Las Huertas Canyon. Prescribed fire may be more suitable in the southern portion of the project area, but not in this residential zone.