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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I support the idea of reducing fuels in the Cibola National Forest as a way to prevent catastrophic wildfires. However, I would like to support the alternative plan that does not involve prescribed burning, but instead calls for hand-thinning and hand removal from the area. This approach would also provide an opportunity for employing people in this region of the state.

I recreate extensively in the Cibola National Forest (every day) and I live just adjacent to the National Forest, and it's important to me that the Forest Service not use any burning since there is always a risk of fire getting out of control and destroying local homes, even when fire is believed to be "dead out". Also, this area is home to a vast array of wildlife that need this area to survive, and it would be disastrous for them and the "web of life" that is interconnected if they were to lose their home as well. Please adopt the alternative thinning plan that does not employ fire. Thank you.