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Comments: First, I would like to say that, in general, I support this project to put these forests into a healthier condition and one that is more resistant to crown fires. But, I must admit that the controlled burn aspect of the project concerns me. In the last several years, many controlled burns have breached their boundaries, causing enormous damage to property and lives. Nowhere in these documents was there any discussion about the control and management of the proposed controlled burns. It only says that they are necessary and will be used often. If these burns ever broke their containment to the north, the entire village of Placitas would be at risk. And this risk seems to me to be quite significant. The prevailing winds at this time of year can often come from the south. How is the forest service planning to control these burns? What is their mitigation plan when conditions change during the burn? How much manpower is available to manage these burns? Without some solid information regarding the controlled burn component of this project, I strongly object to it going forward. I believe the communities that could be affected by this project should be given the opportunity to understand how the project will be done, including the possible risks and how those risks will be managed. That should not be too much to ask.