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Comments: I am writing to comment on the North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project. I am a homeowner in Placitas. As I understand the project, this could include prescribed burning in the Las Huertas Canyon. I am writing to urge you NOT TO USE PRESCRIBED BURNING IN THIS PROJECT. The chances of a prescribed burn getting out of hand are too great to risk. I realize that the canyon is a fire hazard with a huge load of down wood that has been laying there for years and that there are numerous trees that are so dry in this area, there is a real chance of a wildfire. Something needs to be done, but using prescribed burns is not the answer. The largest fire in New Mexico was caused from a prescribed burn that got out of hand quickly. We lost over 200,000 acres in that fire. None of us want to see this repeated.
I would like to propose that to remove the dry wood, the Forest Service call for volunteers from the community to help haul the wood out of the area. I believe you would find a large number of people willing to volunteer for this task. Proper advertising by the Forest Service would be essential to contact enough people to volunteer. I would be one of those people.