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Comments: While I understand the need and necessity for the fuels reduction in the North Sandia area, I must argue that while a prescribed burn would be faster & cheaper it certainly is the most risky and hazardous. We all know that the history of prescribed burns in the rocky mountain southwest shows an overall negative impact, we in New Mexico, particularly in recent years, have seen how easily these burns get out of control and become disastrous. I am certain that I do not have to remind you that the considerably large area that you are considering for a burn is one that is notorious for what are commonly called 'canyon winds' which can and do arise quickly, unexpectedly, and ferociously making the prescribed burn concept a truly non-option for this area.

So I ask that you please remove prescribed burns from your list of options altogether and replace them with safer more manageable and reasonable methods of which there are many. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing your positive choice in the near future.

-- Carl Koop