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Comments: Before the new forest service proposal is approved, area residents need information and time to comment beyond Oct. 8, 2026. Forest thinning projects near communities should be treated differently than overall treatments of forests. Burning to reduce fuel, especially slash piles, is hard to control, causes excessive smoke and is hard to extinguish; chipping would be far more appropriate near homes. Thinning in stages would cause less disruption to wildlife, habitat, and recreational use by people. More supervision of subcontractors hurrying to meet deadlines would be more forest friendly along with leaving old-growth and mixed sized trees. No larger than 6" pieces of wood should be in burn piles. Locals need access to areas to gather firewood. Contractors should finish current cutting and removal before more thinning begins. NM Forestry Division and subcontractors should work together cutting and organizing clean-up funded by US Forest Service. Lumber mills should have contracts to remove trees before they are cut.