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Hi we are long time Taos county residents and are writing during this public comment period to encourage minimal deforestation. We have seen old growth ponderosa stands completely clear-cut in the Taos canyon area of the "thinning" project (Shadow Mountain). Areas where gorgeous, old growth canopy stands were thriving for centuries, with minimal dead-fall and clear understory, gone. Completely clear cut and sold off to the highest bidder. This is not "forest manangement" this is murder. We have personally witnessed completely unsustainable "thinning" techniques already in Taos County, and this poorly designed "restoration" or "management" will increase long-term costs, exacerbate inequalities and risk locking landscapes into unsustainable trajectories. This type of clear cutting, just out of sight of the roadways or public eye threatens our watersheds, soil health, and overall forest health. Given the continued loss and degradation of forest ecosystems, we say no to aggressive "thinning" operations.
Thank you,
The Martinez Family