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Comments: I am writing to oppose the implementation of this proposed plan.
The forest service is not ready to implement a plan of this scale.
The two largest, most devastating, wildfire in our counties history have both been caused by poorly managed federal fire mitigation efforts--i.e. the Hermits Peak / Calf Canyon fires, which devastated the nearby communities and Mora county, who have still not recovered. Many other scenarios have resulted in catastrophic erosion, loss of habitat and large scale tree death /disease, and, of course, uncontrolled fires, as an unintended consequence of overly ambitious thinning and the burning of slash piles.
I am urging you to put this plan on hold until more experience is acquired, and then to apply it judiciously to the areas most in need.
Also, demand more direct consideration to the individual nature of each and every site. Not all species of trees need the same treatment, not all slopes and drainages need the same approach.
Please deny this proposal until it is better thought out, with more specificity to the areas in question.
And have it further applied to select, high risk areas.
Refine the process so that it is safe, effective and actually protects that that it is trying to preserve. The recent experiments in Taos and Mora Counties have proved somewhat disastrous--and have deeply illustrated the need for more competent application of fire mitigation efforts.
Please vote no on the implementation of this poorly thought out plan.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.