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To: Regional Forester, 333 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102

re: Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project, Santa Fe National Firest (Española, Pecos, Las Vegas Ranger Districts)

Attn: Acting Forest Supervisor James Duran

From Maj-Britt Eagle, [REDACTED]

Our Santa Fe forests face imminent and deliberate burning and thinning under the auspices of the Dept of Agriculture; when I realize that the United States Forest Service is subordinate to their priorities...I am confused. Are they serving our forests? or commercial interests?

As Einstein remarked, we're trying to solve new problems with old paradigms: everything has changed but our way of thinking. Global warming alone is good reason to keep the well being of the forests at heart for the habitats they provide and for their greater significance to human survival.

Are our forests truly a consequence of fire suppression? Or of a cyclical rain pattern that has exacerbated drought? Is federal wildfire policy running fast in the wrong direction? Or ought we to focus on the regenerative processes of proforestation (for caring for existent forests can sequester five times as much carbon) rather than tree-

planting *after burns*? Surely we have a more effective approach for preventing wildland-urban fire disasters. A 20th century fire suppression policy is not appropriate for a 21st century climate. Considering the role forests play in sequestering carbon in times of climate crisis, we cannot afford to lose our trees. Tree cutting results in carbon emissions that exceed an actual fire's short term carbon emissions! And a large-scale prescribed fire, we know now by experience here along Forest Road 79 up in the Canada Village viewing Hermit's Peak, causes huge ecological damage, with a 10-fold increase in the amount of smoke.

Before the US Forest Service burns, may they scale down and identify the few trees that ought to be burned, provide health compensation for those besieged and made ill by smoke, and make the preservation of ecological diversity and the health of the forest their priority, as befits their name, the FOREST service.

Respectfully,

Maj-Britt Eagle