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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to share our perspective on the drastic impact of potentially BURNING hundreds or even thousands of slash piles of solid timber and branches in our neighboring Gallina Canyon. Please exercise extreme caution when burning anything - even in snowy conditions- and consider working diligently to find alternatives to the dangerous fires. Perhaps chipping and shredding many of these piles would accomplish the goal of removing these highly flammable and unsightly piles.

After the severe blow-down of December 16, 2021 in the upper Taos Ski Valley/ Carson National Forest, much timber needed to be cut, hauled, chipped and managed. I observed a consistent, thoughtful and staged approach to these needs. Burning would have created great risk in addition to soil destruction and exposure to water pollution, mud slides and the horrible smoky smoldering messes of half burnt piles and ashy puddles- if not more danger of fire spreading to residences and property. Thank you for your consideration of best practices in these thinning situations.

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