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Mr. Nieto,

I am writing to provide comments on the Encino Vista Landscape Restoration Project Proposal dated November 2019. I request that as planning proceeds, more specific description with maps be provided to show where specific actions are planned. I would like to see where temporary roads are planned, where specific silvicultural treatments are planned and where areas planned to be burned without allowing silvicultural treatments are.

I am curious to hear how the USFS plans to use goats to thin Gamble oak. I would like to know why areas would be burned without allowing thinning beforehand. I am wary of the use of masticators to thin areas instead of allowing fuelwood harvesting by the public. Prior use of masticators was not well planned or executed and resulted in over-thinning of areas that should not have been thinned.

I request that any proposed actions planned that are in proximity to private land be discussed with the landowner prior to implementation. Simply publishing a document or having a public meeting are not sufficient in this. Direct contact with the affected property owner should be attempted if possible.

If you have questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact me at 505-365-1409 or smithd00@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dennis Smith