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Mr. Sando,

I've heard from friends about the assessment of the Encino Vista project and I have some concerns.

I've heard there is minimal community involvement from nearby villages including Abiquiú, Cañones, Coyote Youngsville, Gallina and others. I've heard about the lack of in-depth research on Cañones watershed, lack of PR and public notice. The analysis and data is incomplete and done by staff with little awareness of local culture. There is lack of opportunity with local tree harvesters in favor of prescribed burning. The project too big for the budget and staff involved. The project needs to be done via the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) process with more local analysis. We want additional research and investigation.

A national program review following Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon disaster recommended inclusion of drought analysis in NEPA reviews. It's missing from this project and absolutely should be included.

There has been more work done to prevent damage and inconvenience to continental divide trail than active living communities and historic villages-this is not right.

In conclusion, I urge the Coyote Ranger district to move forward with an EIS = Environmental Impact Statement. Culture & traditional communities are part of the analyzed "environment" that gets impacted, so I hope that this will be done.

The local peoples' voice matters, (La Gente) I hope you will be an active listener in this process.

Sincerely,