



**File Code:** 1950

**Date:** November 19, 2019

Dear Interested Party,

I am pleased to present the proposed action for the Encino Vista Landscape Restoration Project for your review. The Coyote Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest has assembled an Interdisciplinary Team and is commencing an environmental analysis for the Encino Vista Landscape Project. This letter provides a description of the proposed action and requests your comments during this scoping comment period. Your comments will be used to define issues and develop alternatives. Therefore, comments on the proposed action should be as specific as possible to assist the Interdisciplinary Team as it begins its analysis for the Encino Vista Landscape Restoration Project. Comments will be most beneficial if received by December 19, 2019.

The scoping comment period represents one of multiple opportunities for the public to review the proposal and provide input. The Responsible Official will use your comments to assist with making the decisions.

This project would implement the Santa Fe National Forest Plan, as amended and is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B.

Please send your written comments regarding this project to:

Rich Nieto, District Ranger  
Coyote Ranger District,  
HC-78, Box 1  
Coyote, NM 87012  
FAX: (575) 638-5351  
Or call (575) 638-5526

You can also submit comments electronically to [comments-southwestern-santafe@usda.gov](mailto:comments-southwestern-santafe@usda.gov) with the subject line "Encino Vista Landscape Restoration Project". Electronic comments must be part of an email message, or as an attachment in Microsoft word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf).

It is important that comments are provided at such times and in such a manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental analysis. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the scoping period (**December 19, 2019**) and should clearly articulate the commentor's concerns and contentions or support. To be eligible for objection, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Names and addresses of commentors' will become part of the public record. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered as well. The environmental assessment will be completed and made available to those who have submitted comments, and to those who have requested to be included on the project mailing list.



We are pleased to be at this point in the planning process and are looking forward to fine-tuning this project based on comments received during this scoping comment Period.

Thank you for taking the time to review our proposed action regarding the Encino Vista Landscape Restoration Project. If you have any questions, or something is unclear, please contact the Interdisciplinary Team leader, Sandra Imler-Jacquez, at (505) 438-5443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Nieto', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

*Richard M. Nieto*  
Coyote District Ranger