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Scoping Period Extended for Proposed Project

North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – May 2, 2024 – The Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands is seeking scoping comments for the proposed North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project. The Forest is proposing to restore, maintain, and improve forested conditions on approximately 2,956 acres on the Sandia Ranger District, Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties, Sandia Mountains, north of I-40 (see attached map for proposal area and treatment types).

Objectives for the North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project include reducing the impacts of high severity fire, reducing wildfire risk to communities within the wildland urban interface (WUI), and restoring forest structure and composition within the planning area.

The scoping period was initiated on April 3, 2024. Based on public feedback, the district is extending the public comment period through Friday, June 21, 2024.

Scoping documents for the North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project can be found on the Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands project page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/cibola/?project=65654> and a copy of the proposal is available to view at the Sandia Ranger District Office (address below).

How to Comment

Substantive comments are the most useful; they are comments that are within the scope of the proposed action, are specific to the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action and include supporting reasons for consideration.

Please submit your comments no later than June 21, 2024.

Written comments must be submitted to Deputy District Ranger Amanda Ginithan, ATTN: North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project, Sandia Ranger District, 11776 HWY 337, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059.

Electronic comments can be submitted using the online comment form at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=65654>.

To provide oral comments, please call Brittany Lewellen, Planning Program Manager/Project Lead at 505-274-4519. Oral comments must be provided during normal business hours, between 8:30 am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

For additional information, please contact brittany.lewellen@usda.gov.

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