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Dear Friend,

Enclosed for your review is the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the *Lakes and BMG Wildfire Timber Salvage* project. The EA evaluates several management alternatives and identifies Alternative B as my preferred alternative at this time. The analysis shows that this alternative best addresses the purpose and need to recover the value of fire killed trees, as well as meets the Santa Fe National Forest Plan goal to contribute to the economic and social needs of the people of northern New Mexico.

We wish to consider your comments in the final decision making process. Written or oral comments will be accepted for 30 days following the publication of the EA Notice of Availability in the *Albuquerque Journal* newspaper. To assist us in understanding your concerns, we ask that you provide the following information when submitting comments:

1. Name, address, and (if possible) telephone number;
2. Title of the document on which the comments are being submitted; and,
3. Specific facts or comments, along with the supporting reasons, that the District Ranger should consider in reaching a decision.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses, will be part of the public record and available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will also be considered along with the other comments; however, those submitting comments anonymously will not have standing to appeal the final decision (36 CFR 215).

We welcome and encourage your participation in this process. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or wish to be removed from the mailing list please contact Rita Skinner at the Jemez Ranger District, 505-829-3535 or FAX 505-829-3223 or write to us at:

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Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

/s/ *John F. Peterson*

JOHN F. PETERSON
Jemez District Ranger

