

Bandelier National Monument
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

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December 14, 1977

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, SWR

From: Superintendent, Bandelier

Subject: Logging operations within Santa Fe National Forest

Recently the Forest let a logging contract on Sawyer Mesa to salvage some of the lumber killed during La Mesa Fire. Logging is occurring right up to our boundary and slash is being pushed up to and on our boundary fence. This area is also part of the immediate watershed of both Alamo and Frijoles Canyon.

We have just spent \$1,350,000 to acquire the watershed in Upper Frijoles Canyon to prevent this same event from occurring on private lands and now it is taking place on Federal lands.

It would appear that some effort is appropriate to curtail this salvage operation and to convince the Forest to provide us with suitable buffer zone along our boundary and in critical watersheds, to minimize impacts within the Monument.

The Forest has not counseled with us on this matter, so we do not know the extent of the sale. We do know that there was some effort by the Wilderness Society to have this area added to the roadless designation and added to the Bandelier Wilderness. This entire action may be an effort by the Forest to remove it permanently from future consideration.

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We certainly agree with your concern over the actions of the U.S. Forest Service on logging in Upper Frijoles and Alamo Canyons. However, it should be remembered that the Forest Service also operates under certain mandates of Congress and policies and regulations of the Administration.

We strongly urge that you open an immediate dialogue with the District Ranger to find out what the scope and intention of the Forest Service is concerning this logging operation. You should also discuss with him what actions the Forest Service might be willing to take to mitigate the impact upon the monument; and certainly if slash is indeed being pushed on the boundary fence, it should be brought to the attention of the Forest Service. Our past experience with the Forest Service in similar instances has been that they are extremely helpful and cooperative once the channels of communication have been opened.

John E. Cook