

Dear Interested Party:

The Glenwood Ranger District is in the early stages of planning a landscape scale restoration project. We would like to hear from you to help develop the project and identify issues, concerns or similar opportunities that you have observed in this planning area.

The Glenwood Restoration planning area is approximately 353,000 acres and encompasses roughly 65% of the Glenwood District. There are two areas of emphasis, the Escudilla South region on the north end of the district and the Grassland/Juniper Savanna region on the central and south end. Maps of both regions are included. Some issues/concerns our Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) has identified in these areas include: juniper encroachment on grasslands and juniper savannas, fuel loading in and around infrastructure, degraded recreational opportunities, diminished wildlife habitat, protection of cultural resources and watersheds that are functioning at risk. Treatments for the project area may include thinning, prescribed burning and seeding.

Within the planning area, 26,587 acres have been identified as Grasslands and 16,334 acres as Juniper Savannas. Many of these areas are experiencing significant juniper encroachment and requires treatments to move towards grassland and juniper savanna criteria.

The Escudilla South Region is approximately 19,253 acres. Fuel loading and tree densities in certain areas have reached levels that are conducive to catastrophic wildfire. There is a need to decrease these levels in order to reduce fire impacts to meaningful infrastructure such as private inholdings, powerlines and campgrounds.

We realize that scheduling and communication under the current conditions may be a challenge. We appreciate you setting aside some time to provide your feedback. You are welcome to provide feedback via hardcopy document, email, phone call and virtual public meeting. It would be helpful to receive your input by October 30th 2020.

- E-mails can be directed to Erick Stemmerman, Glenwood District Ranger (erick.stemmerman@usda.gov) and/or Dionisio Silva, Natural Resource Specialist (dionisio.silva@usda.gov).
- Hardcopy documents can be mailed to P.O. Box 8, Glenwood NM 88039.
- To provide comments over the phone or to schedule an appointment, call the Glenwood District Office at 575-539-2481.



