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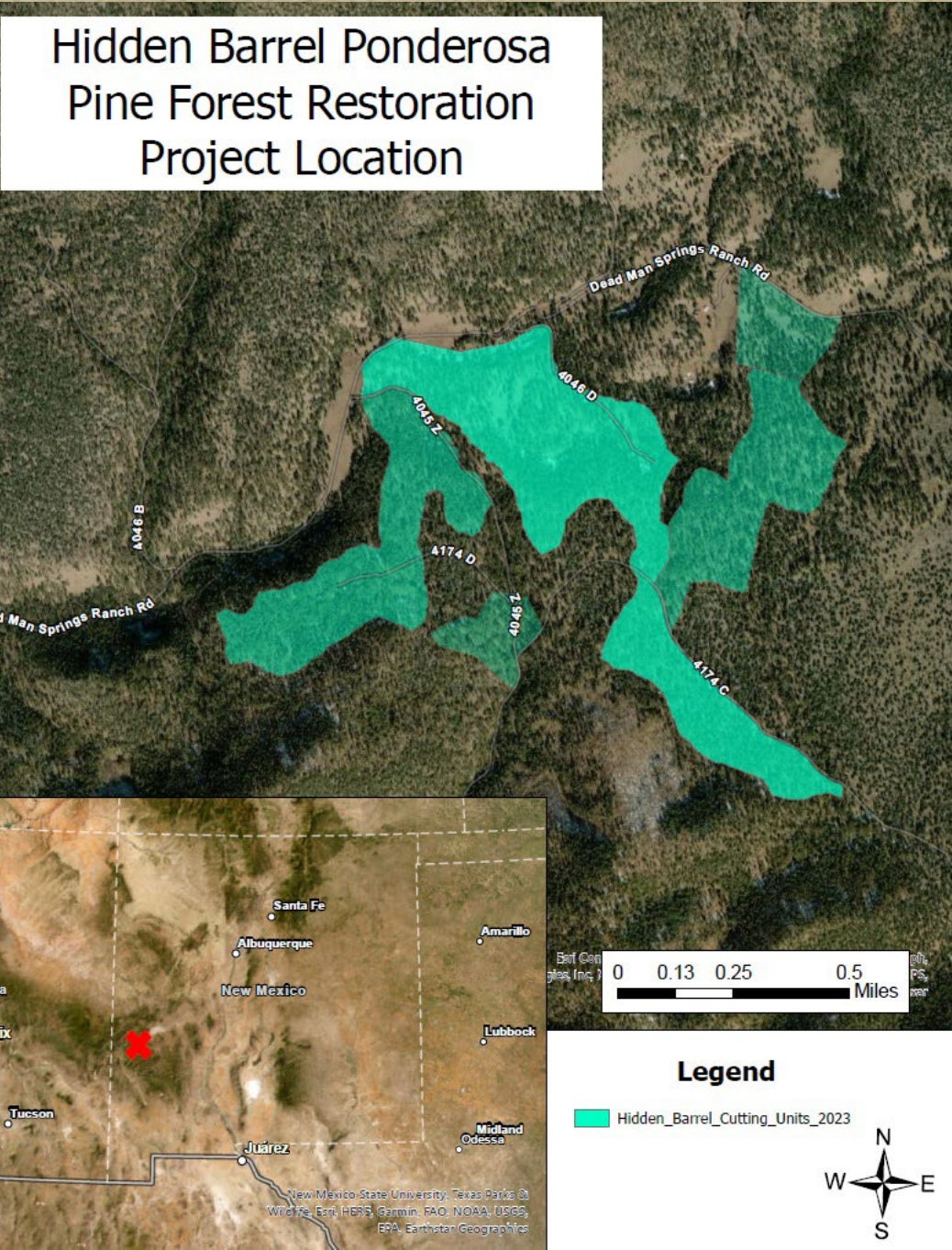
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The Hidden Barrel Ponderosa Forest restoration unit is 350 acres within the Reserve District of the Gila National Forest. The Forest Service and the Department are planning to thin all 350 acres of the unit.

The 350 acres were previously managed to be a timber sale, but changes in forest management have allowed for the present opportunity to manage this block as wildlife habitat. The goal will be to improve watershed conditions, and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildlife in the area. Most of the acres will be treated under the lop and scatter method, however, a few acres will be have the timber piled up for a future pile burn.

This project fits in with the larger landscape objectives of utilizing managed wildfire, or prescribed fire as a primary tool.

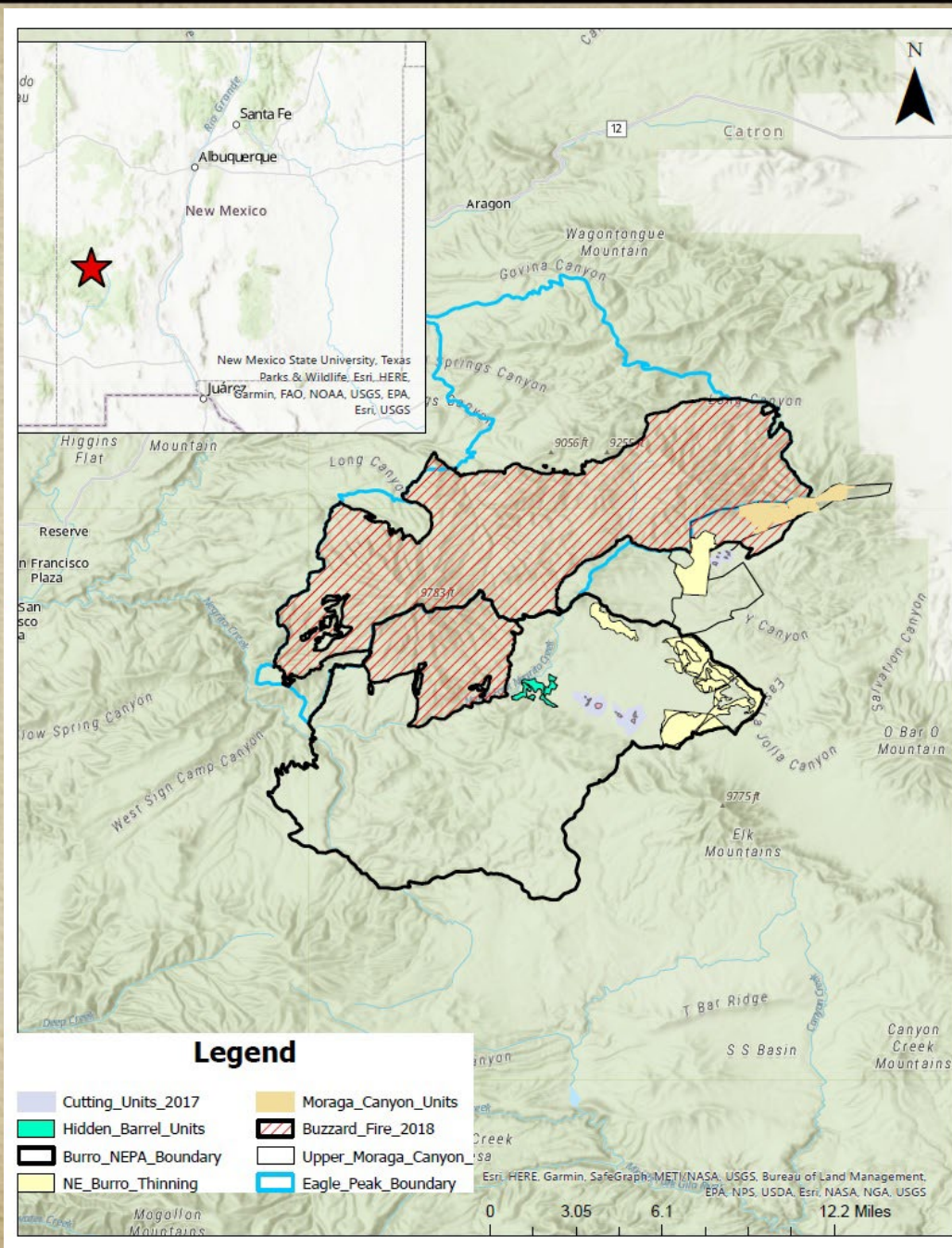




The Hidden Barrel Ponderosa Forest Restoration project will also fit into a larger picture of projects within this ecosystem.

This project lies with the Burro Landscape NEPA Boundary. This NEPA landscape is adjacent to the Buzzard fire of 2018, along with several areas that have received restoration work and thinning within the last decade.

Furthermore, last HSP cycle, the CAC funded the Eagle Peak EA project, which shares a boundary with the Burro Landscape. This project will be a small piece of a giant effort between the Forest Service and the Department to improve the habitat in this region for elk, deer, turkey, and many other species of wildlife.



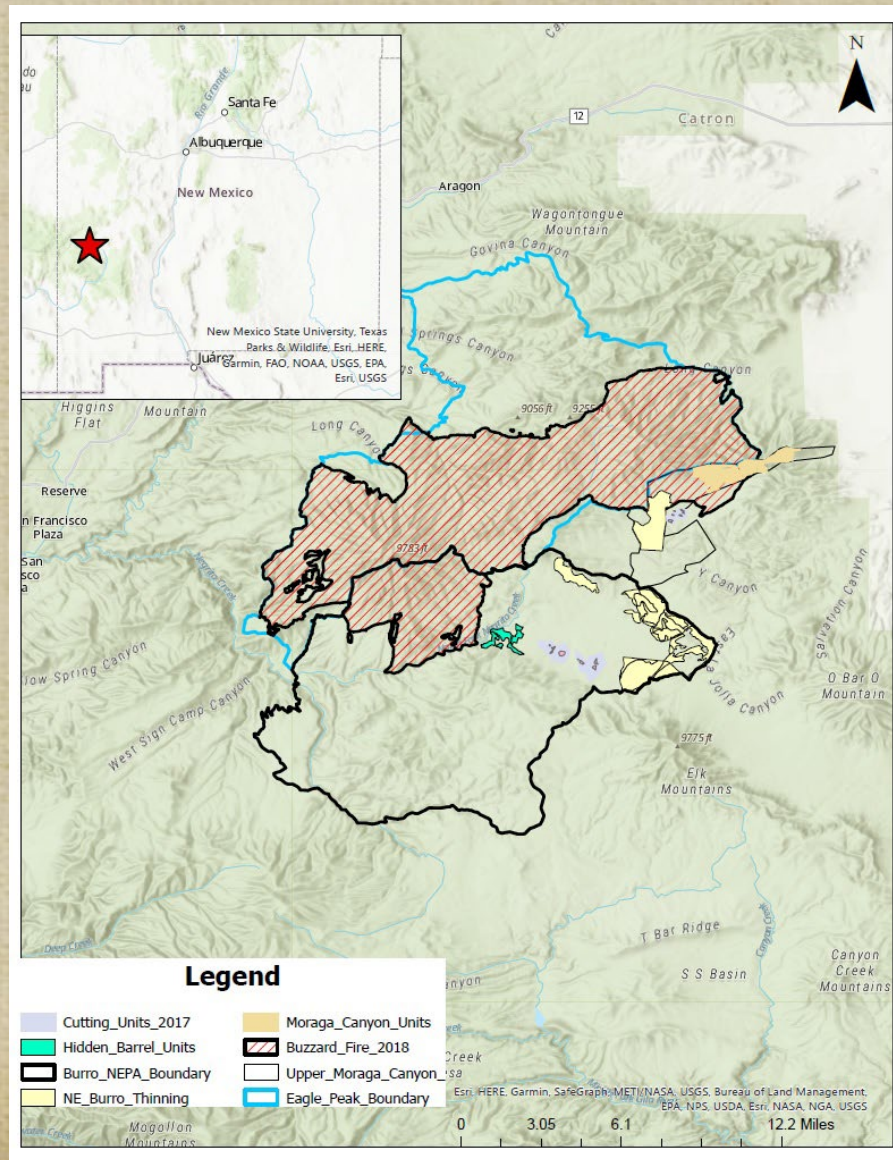


# Summary of Project

**350 acres to be thinned**

- **300 acres Lop and Scatter Treatment (\$450/acre)**
- **50 acres Cut and Pile (\$800/acre)**

**\$175,000 Budget Estimate**



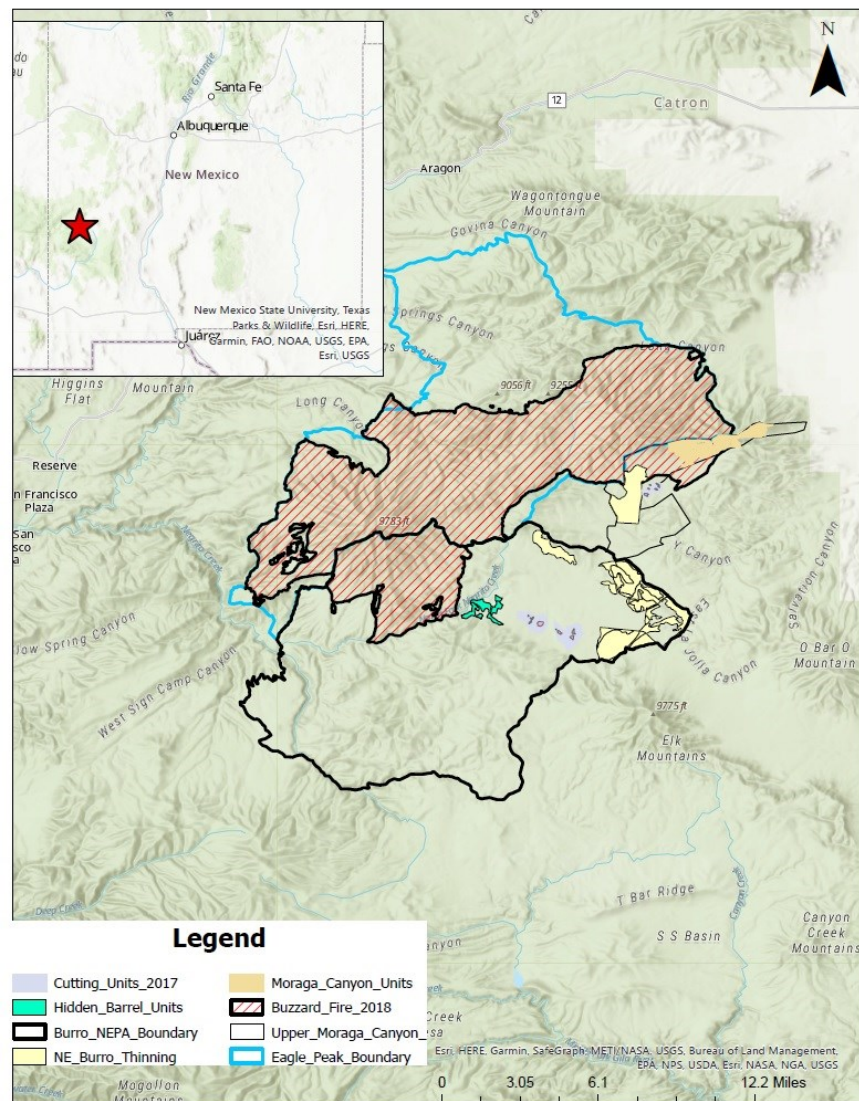




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## Background Information

- The Hidden Springs unit is 350 acres of Ponderosa Pine Forest within the Reserve District of the Gila National Forest that is now being managed for wildlife habitat.
- The 350 acres will be thinned to improve the health of the forest, improve watershed conditions, and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildlife in the area. Most of the acres will be treated under the lop and scatter method, however, a few acres will be have the timber piled up for a future pile burn.
- This project will fit into a larger landscape of projects that have been and will occur within the Reserve Ranger District of the Gila National Forest.



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## Proposed Management Action

- NMDGF, along with the USFS, is proposing to thin 350 acres within a Ponderosa Pine Forest to improve forest health.
- Cost \$175,000

[Google Earth Link](#)

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project relation to CAC advice or priorities:

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Project Specific Details:

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Historical Data:

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Itemized Use of Funds:

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Comprehensive Project Analysis:

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Monitoring Plan/ Strategy:

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Project Emphasis Species:



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