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Dear Jesse Juen,

I am a tax paying resident of Rio Arriba County. My name is Kathleen Vanderbrook and for over 30 years my mailing address has been: P.O. Box 254 El Rito, NM 87530.

I am contacting you today to PROTEST the inclusion of the 13 parcels in the Santa Fe National Forest that are up for lease sale in the Oct. 22, 2014 Oil & Gas Lease Sale / Farmington Field Office.

These parcels are: NM-201410-001, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, and 015.

I am asking that these remaining parcels, east of the Continental Divide, be deferred for the same reasons that the other 22 parcels were deferred, as they too, are in the same geologic and geographic location.

The BLSN needs to update the 2003 Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Mancos Shale/Gallup formation RMPA/EIS alternatives; as these studies do not address SHALLOW shale hydraulic fracturing.

If the lease sale continues, BLSN will be in violation of the NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act. This incomplete study and disregard for procedure can not be taken lightly!

AND then there is the question of WATER...

Everyone knows how little water this area does have.

Where will they get the water, millions of gallons for each proposed well? The water table must be protected and used for drinking. Water is our life.

I live downstream, and cannot risk the damage that is possible to our water quality!

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Toxic waste-water will be produced by the millions of gallons and there is no reference in the BLM Assessment as to how they will dispose of it. The chemicals used in the fracking contain known carcinogens. At least 30 reported spills during 2011-2012 impacted a waterway or a groundwater supply!

We do not need to threaten our limited water supply.

Also a danger: Flaring poses an extreme fire danger in our Santa Fe National Forest. (flaring, a common practice used in fracking in which huge amounts of hydrocarbons are released directly into the atmosphere.)

There are many other concerns that will affect a healthy life, studies have shown, such as noise pollution, the air pollution, are indeed harmful.

Please do everything possible to defer the remaining 13 parcels in this Lease Sale. Please do not risk our Rio Chama Watershed.

A finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Oct. 22, 2014 Oil & Gas Lease Sale is not adequately supported by the Environmental Assessment as it now stands.

Thank-you for helping to protect our way of life in rural Northern New Mexico.

Sincerely and Gratefully,

Kathleen Vanderbrook

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