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Dear Director Juen,

Regarding the Oct. 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale pending in the Farmington Field Office, I am writing to protest the offer to lease those parcels in the Santa Fe National Forest east of the Continental Divide.

Specifically Parcels: NM201410-001, NM201410-004, NM201410-005, NM201410-006, NM201410-007, NM201410-008, NM201410-009, NM201410-010, NM201410-011, NM201410-012, NM201410-013, NM201410-014, and NM201410-015. I request that these parcels be deferred as were 22 other parcels in this proposed lease sale.

I use the Santa Fe National Forest in which these parcels lie and live in the downstream watershed affected by some of the parcels. Parcels NM201410-002 and -003, the surface rights of which are in private ownership, are also in this watershed.

The 2003 Resource Management Plan and Mancos Shale/Gallup formation RMPA/EIS are in need of update. They do not address shallow shale hydraulic fracturing, and failing this, if this lease sale continues, the BLM will be violating the National Environmental Policy Act.

If drilling permits were issued and implemented on these parcels, it would result in fracking operations there. The oil and gas produced on these parcels would not contribute significantly to domestic energy needs but in all likelihood would result in detrimental effects in and around the lease areas as well as the watershed downstream of these parcels, potentially affecting many thousands of our citizens and other living beings.

Fracking fluids use chemicals which producers and users are legally exempted from disclosing to the public by the 2005 Energy Policy Act (the 'Halliburton Loophole' to the Clean Air and Water Acts).

jurisdiction, I request the deferral of parcels NM201410-002 and NM201410-003 from the lease sale offer.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Oct. 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale - Farmington Field Office is not adequately supported by the B.L.M.'s Environmental Assessment as it now stands.

These views are my own, but I am not alone. Many people are affected by and concerned about the issues raised here and increasing numbers are becoming informed. I certainly would like to hear your views as well.

Sincerely,

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