

August 11, 2014

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Dear Director Guen,

My name is Kaye Raymond and my address is POB 624, Turia Amarilla, N.M. 87575. I am a property owner, full time resident and I am writing to protest the inclusion of the 13 parcels in the Santa Fe National Forest that are up for sale in the October 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale / Farmington Field Office. These parcels are N.M. - 201410-001, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014 and 015.

I am urgently requesting that these remaining parcels east of the Continental Divide be deferred as they are in the same geologic and geographic location as the other 22 parcels that were deferred previously.

I protest for many reasons, several of which are:

I. Water: The saying here is "El Agua es la vida" and we have come to waste on hydrofracking, a procedure that demands millions of gallons of our precious water, New Mexico is in a drought! Every drop of water is precious to human and animal,

II. Chemicals: oil and gas companies (shockingly) are not legally required to disclose the chemicals they inject into the wells. Toxic waste water will be produced in the millions of gallons and there is no reference in the EIS assessment to how they will dispose of it. This waste water has been proven toxic to both humans and animals - to the point of death.

III Seismic Activity: especially around Abiquiu Reservoir where there is known fault lines. Research is showing that fracking causes increased seismic activity.

IV Cultural resources and landscapes: One of the joys of living here is the wonderful night sky. Another is the peace and quiet of rural living. These will be destroyed by the fracking process.

This wonderful area has hundreds of multi-cultural historic sites not to mention the Old Spanish Trail in the area of these parcels.

V. Disruption of our Communities and over stress of our fragile infrastructures. Our dirt roads cannot take the stress.

These are just a few of my objections to these potential sales. These 13 parcels pose the same issues as parcels that have been deferred and the same risks to the Rio Chama Watershed east of the Continental Divide.

A finding of no Significant impact (FONSI) for the October 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale is not adequately supported by the Environmental Assessment as it now stands.

Sincerely,
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