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VS. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
NEW MEXICO STATE OFFICE
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DEAR DIRECTOR JUVEN,

My name is NATALIE ORCOTT and I am writing to protest the proposed sale of parcels NM 201410-001, 004 thru 15 that will be offered up for lease in the BLM Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale October 22, 2014.

I am a taxpayer of LOS OSOS, and am concerned and anxious, even fearful of the plans stated for the above mentioned parcels and the long term effects it will have on the land and more importantly on human individuals.

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.

The first reason, which supports this protest is to maintain the irreplaceable Morrison Formation which is a vital aquifer

in the Rio Chama Watershed. The Rio Chama flows to the Rio Grande and together they deliver over half the water of the entire state. This water is already legally allocated to downstream users. Contamination of the Maricao Formation aquifer would have disastrous effects on us all.

This area is precious to individuals whose Spanish family heritage originates in the parcel locations. The land that has been farmed and used for livestock production which is the heart and soul of Spanish culture would be ruined for future generations.

Finally businesses who rely on seasonal customers, for hunting, fishing and cultural events would be severely impacted.

In closing the sale of parcels NM 201410 - 001, 004 three 15 has to be cancelled. The future of land, water, disruption of geology, animal and human life is at stake. Respectfully consider other options.

Sincerely,

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