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TO Director Jesse Allen,

My name is Dr. Arjan Khalea, and I have been a New Mexican resident for the past 15 years, along with my husband & 2 children. In addition, I have been a practicing Chiropractor in Rio Arriba County for the past 15 years.

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 2014 Oil & Gas Lease Sale / Farmington field office. The parcels are NM-201410-001, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014 & 015.

I am demanding that these remaining parcels east of The Continental Divide be deferred for the same reason the other 22 parcels were deferred. The reasoning behind this demand is that these parcels are in the same geographic and geologic location.

I feel strongly that it is my duty and obligation as a resident of this area to demand protection for our regional watershed. After researching and studying and speaking with many friends and colleagues in Oklahoma and Arkansas, where hydro fracking has been practiced for several years, I feel that there are very real and dangerous effects to human ^{health} and the health of the animals, the environment, & our water supply. Based on what I have read, seen, & heard, I feel that hydro-fracking is not worth the risks to ourselves, our land, our air, & our water. This method of extraction has been around long enough for multiple health risks to be well-documented. These risks include cancer. Rio Arriba County is not a wealthy area, & many people make their living off of the crops that they grow & the livestock that they produce.

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They will not be able to live with the associated outcomes that come with fracking. This is a public safety issue for all involved

The chemicals used during the fracking process are known to be carcinogenic, & the methane gas that is put into the air is harmful to air quality

I understand that it is in your power as the sales agent to defer these remaining parcels. I implore you to please consider the far-reaching effects of this practice rather than looking at the immediate, economic gain. Our water, our beautiful, clean air & skies, and our geology will be effected by these practices. People's wells will be contaminated, never to be used again, ever.

We live in an area where water is scarce. We depend on our underground water for drinking, bathing, cleaning, feeding our animals, watering our gardens. If it is contaminated, we have nothing left.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Arjen Khalsa

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