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Dear Mr. Juen,

I am writing to protest the proposed sale of parcels NM 201410-011, 004 through 015 that are proposed to be leased in the BLM Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale of October 22, 2014. Our CLEAN WATER in NM should not be for sale.

My Interest

I am a resident of Abiquiú who lives right on the Rio Chama, just below the ruins of Santa Rosa de Lima, where the earliest civilization of our village first lived. All contaminated water resulting from the deleterious process of fracking will flow downstream to us.

Reason

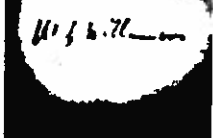
CLEAN WATER should be the right of every individual as well as the healthy well-being of our communities from Gallina downstream to Abiquiú. Not only is the possibility of toxic water critical, but also the very WASTE of this precious resource is not something that can be accepted. My understanding through reading and research of the process known as fracking is that up to 10 million gallons of water is required per well extraction. Within only the past month, a serious alarm on the scarcity of water in our Western/Southwestern states was sounded by a group of prominent scientists in the field of water resources. We simply cannot squander our most precious, natural, and pure resource.

Additionally, numerous environmental studies have clearly shown the toxic impact of the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing, and the effects of these toxins have been shown to have a significant causative role in neurological deterioration and in certain forms of cancers. Throughout the U.S. in community-after-community, oil and gas companies have had significantly serious spills and groundwater contamination that can never be reversed, destroying the environment, despite their "assurances" that these accidents will not occur.

I strongly protest any possible consideration of this sale and respectfully request that you defer the 13 parcels up for lease, respecting—and protecting—the citizens who will be negatively impacted and the precious environment that could never recover from water depletion and or toxins employed. Please address the mandatory response to my protest to me at POB, 917, Abiquiu, NM, 87510.

Thank you for your consideration and registration of my opinion,

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