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Dear Director Juen:

Your attention to this letter is gratefully appreciated. My name is Wanda Krivanek Roach, landowner, Abiquiu, NM resident since 1994 while living in NM for the past 35 years. Please notice the address below for proper identification. This letter is in response to the inclusion of some thirteen parcels of land in the Santa Fe National Forest that are up for lease October 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale at the Farmington Field Office. I reference the following Parcels: NM-201410-001, 004, 005 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014 and 015. I request that these remaining parcels, east of the Continental Divide be deferred for the same reason that the other twenty-two parcels were deferred as they are in the same geologic and geographic location.

The BLM should consider the updating of the 2003 Resources Management Plan (RMP) including the Mancos Shale/Gallup formation RMPA/EIS alternatives sometime in the near future. These studies do not address shallow shale hydraulic fracturing (fracking). Should the sale of these leases continue BLM will be in violation of the NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY ACT and therefore will demonstrate a complete disregard for proper procedure.

The ultimate reason in opposition to drilling regards the welfare of the people of Northern New Mexico and the misuse of our precious resources; our water. Any/all harm produced by the Oil and Gas Industry to the Rio Chama Watershed will impact the residents of Rio Arriba County including residents downstream.....affecting our major water route through the middle of the state, via the largest city and on-going into Texas. As you know the Rio Chama flows to the Rio Grande and together they deliver over half of the water for the entire state. The Rio Gallina flows directly into the Rio Chama Watershed.

WHY: Millions of gallons of water are required for each proposed well and this fragile area of New Mexico can not be subjected to this amount of water loss. Mismanagement of our limited water as it appears to be happening throughout the United States by Oil and Gas corporations would severely under mind the oil and gas industry capitol outcome as well as in our own state.....such as decreasing NM surface land leasing businesses for grain-cattle-field yielding research by major New Mexico Universities and nonprofit organizations.

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WHY: Fracking risks the poisoning of our clear-clean water and this unacceptable risk will jeopardize future generations of New Mexicans who must then face a uphill challenge of sustaining and maintaining high desert soil without sufficient water resources.

Why: Drought in New Mexico has been an issue that we are facing currently. Should our underground water – our most highly regarded resource- be applied and used for profit by the Oil and Gas Industry the likely hood of thousands of acres will face diminishing returns on its potential land and recreation investments for centuries.

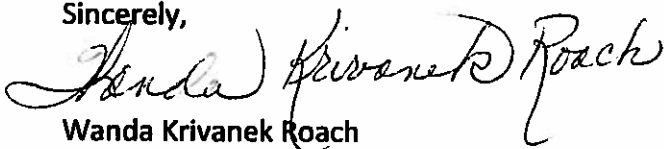
Why: Toxic waste water pools will most likely be produced from the use of millions of gallons with no reference in the BLM assessment declaration for proper disposing. Nor will the public be made aware of harmful health effects should carcinogen compounds be found in near by private well water resulting in contaminating conditions.....due to withheld information and/or non-admission by way of federal disclosure accounting of waste water chemical composition.

Why: Below these thirteen parcels lies the Morrison Formation aquifer which is a vital aquifer in the Rio Chama Watershed. In our area the Morrison Formation aquifer continually recharges and is a potable source of drinking water that feeds springs, well, and acequias. Endangering the purity of this aquifer would have disastrous effects for all.

In summary, should these thirteen parcels be leased, each and every one will never withstand cultural/environmental surface abuse. This continual and lasting injustice to the entire Santa Fe National Forest from devastating surface land scaring, air polluting rigs and numerous off highway wilderness roads leading no where are witnessed currently in many, large portions of southern Colorado. The New Mexico's Rio Chama Watershed will never recover..... northern, high desert New Mexico will become a remnant of its past.

May I remind you, A finding of NO Significant Impact (FONSI) for this October 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale lacks support from the Environmental Assessment as it currently stands. In opposition I express my thoughts with facts relating to the possible auction and urge an extensive and sufficient study of the geology and hydrology of the area in question be conducted prior to the auction of these thirteen parcels.

Sincerely,



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