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Dear Director Juén

My name is Do Lynn Benson and
my address is PO Box 1352, ^{Abiquiá, 87510} I wish to add
my voice to the chorus protesting the BLM
offering of parcels 1-13 in the S.F. National
Forest: parcels NM 201410-001, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008,
009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014 and 015 - all east
of the Continental Divide.

My primary concerns are seismic
activity and water. My understanding

is that no hydrologists or geologic hydrologist contributed to the BLM study, nor did they contribute to the Forest Service study - that assumptions were made that are contradicted by evidence and by water theory. As I draw my drinking water from the Chama watershed I am concerned.

My concern about seismic activity does not simply rise from a dislike of earthquakes. I live 4 miles below the Abiquiu Dam and am old enough to remember the failure of the Teton Dam in Idaho in 1976. The lead Bureau of Reclamation geologist on that dam was a family friend. He was smart, earnest and his career failed with the dam. I am less concerned with your career than with my life, of course. As the number of states having significant

numbers of wells grows, reports of seismic activity become more numerous. These concerns cannot simply be dismissed without adequate study by trained & knowledgeable researchers.

Like all New Mexicans I am concerned about both the availability and quality of water in the Rio Chama watershed. Both seemed threatened by hydrolic fracturing and, again, it seems that the Forest Service has made assumptions about both that fail to consider recent climate realities.

I suspect that you are beginning to understand that your own vocational well being is imperiled by moving too quickly toward choices that the state is encouraging. Northern New Mexicans are a feisty bunch, not likely to accept poor research or assumptions. Fighting this in the courts would be embarrassing.

Please keep me informed of your
decisions.

Yours
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