

Jesse Juen
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
P.O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502

8/13/14

I am writing in regards to the proposed sales of parcels NM-201410-001, 004 through 015 that I understand will be offered up for lease on 10/22/14. As a former resident between Coyote and Gallina for 16 years (not all that long ago), I have a deep interest in the land and its future. I, like others in the area depended on springs and a well for my water and experienced how it can vary in quantity and quality depending on the rain and snow falls. I saw how much less snow fell in my later years there. Water is an extremely precious resource and I firmly believe it is not regarded as such in these lease sales, as millions of gallons of water are polluted when drilling just one well, and the hydraulic fracturing fluids which are toxic, risks polluting ground water forever.

In a time when our society needs to go cold turkey in its addiction to carbon, we should not be encouraging further exploitation as to avoid future climate catastrophes two thirds of the present known carbon resources need to stay in the ground as it is. I am very much against such a sale for the short term profits of companies that have no concern for the communities in this state, or for that matter, the whole country. It is we citizens who will have to deal with any consequences. I urge you to stop this from moving forward.

Sincerely,



Stephen Schmidt
21 Calle Debra
Santa Fe, NM 87507

cc: Cinda Graham