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Dear Director Juen,

My name is Michael Hennerty and my address is P.O. Box 758, El Rito, NM 87530. My interest in protesting is that I have been a resident and home owner in El Rito, New Mexico for over 40 years. I am writing to protest the inclusion of the 13 parcels in the Santa Fe National Forest that are up for lease sale in the October 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale/Farmington Field Office. These parcels are: NM-201410-001, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 012, 014, and 015. I am demanding that these parcels, east of the Continental Divide, be deferred for the same reasons that the other 22 parcels were deferred, as they are in the same geologic and geographic location.

My protest is based on the failure of the procedures used by the BLM to address the issues of the Mancos Shale /Gallup formation and the shallow shale hydraulic fracturing, in violation of NEPA. Our water here is never so plentiful that we can use it wherever and whenever we choose. Allowing the large amounts of water used by oil and gas companies could deplete our water further, and, in addition, could result in poisoning our water and that of all the users downstream all the way to Texas. They do not even need to reveal the chemicals they pump into the ground in their wells. The area of the National Forest in question is a major migratory path for geese, ducks, and sandhill cranes. Drilling and exploring would cause massive disruption of the historic and traditional culture, way of life and land use of this area. This is a beautiful area, long used for recreation and tourism, on and off the water. Fracking would destroy the peace, quiet, natural beauty of the land and sky, and many historic sites. Ruining all that to extract the relatively small amount of shale oil and gas available in this area seems totally irresponsible and a violation of the guidelines established by the Federal government.

To reiterate, I demand that lease sale of these 13 parcels be deferred. A finding of No Significant Impact for the October 22, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale is not adequately supported by the Environmental Assessment as it now stands.

Please send me a return receipt by either mail or email.

Sincerely,



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