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Dear Director Juen,

My name is Charlotte B. Minter and I am writing to protest the proposed sale of parcels NM-201410-001, 004 thru 015 that will be offered up for lease in the BLM Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, October 22, 2014.

I am a fifteen year resident of Youngsville, NM which is 25 miles east of Gallina and in viewing distance of Abiquiu Lake. My interest in the sale of the leases primarily concerns the water issues surrounding the fracking process. Another concern is the evidence that fracking contributes to increased earthquake activity.

There is much evidence that hydraulic fracking pollutes water sources as well as uses a tremendous amount of water in the process. In New Mexico we have so little water to support our current human and animal populations and our land we cannot afford to bring additional hydraulic fracking into our state. We have been suffering from a prolonged drought almost since I moved here and we work daily to conserve water.

My understanding is that the Continental Divide has been used as the dividing point for hydraulic fracking until this time. Our major water resources are east of the Divide and we should not change the current policy.

Evidence that fracking contributes to an increase in earthquake activity continues to mount. We do know there are many fault-lines in this area and who knows what will trigger a major quake. I live several miles from the Abiquiu Dam and have grave concerns for the safety of the dam and communities downstream if an earthquake occurs.

I again protest the sale and ask you to defer the 13 parcels near Gallina up for lease in the October 22, 2014 BLM Lease Sale.

Sincerely,

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Please send you mandatory response to me at the following address:

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