

Jesse Juen  
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New Mexico State Office  
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August 8, 2014

Dear Director Juen,

I am writing to protest the proposed sales 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 hope that you will consider deferring leases in this region of New Mexico until we have learned more about the risks of fracking to our fragile ecosystem. I am especially concerned about potential spills, groundwater contamination, and pollution of the Rio Chama. I fear that the hydrology of our watershed has not been adequately studied.

I live on the Rio Chama in Abiquiu, and the river is our only source of irrigation water. Pollution of our river would be disastrous for us and for hundreds of people downstream.

I am hopeful that the BLM will take the lead in protecting our precious water supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Harrington", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet Harrington

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