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Dear Director Juen:

My name is Cinda Graham and I am a resident of Abiquiu, NM. My address is P.O. Box 934, Abiquiu, NM 87510. My concern is about the Santa Fe National Forest parcels that the BLM is offering up for lease sale. They are parcels: NM 201410-001,004,005,006,007,008,009,010,011,012,013,014,015. They are up for lease on October 22, 2014 , for Oil & Gas Lease Sale, Farmington Field Office.

The area these parcels are in, East of the Continental Divide, are in a different geological pattern from the San Juan Basin which has been so heavily fracked. The BLM need to revisit & revise the 2003 Resource Management Plan and the Mancos Shale/Gallup formations RMPA/EIS alternatives. These studies do not address the recently exposed dangers of shallow shale hydraulic fracturing that is proposed for the Chama Basin (watershed).

As I understand it the water in the San Juan Basin is not potable which suggests that fracking is not going to destroy drinking water should there be an accident. However, in the Chama Basin area the water is potable so any water accident due to fracking would be a disaster for the residents. Beyond that the clean water from the

Chama & its tributaries flows into Aqiquiu Lake which supplies Albuquerque, not to mention flowing into the Rio Grande. The damage of pollution is so enormous, the profit of the risk in fracking could not be worth it. We as a society can't overlook the industrial accidents that are regularly happening and the financial and health devastation in their wake, whether or not New Mexico has a relatively good record.

The besides the risk of polluting good water, there is the use in the fracking process itself of water in a drought area. The drought has already caused hardship and lawsuits up & down the Rio Grande let alone using enormous quantities of it for dubious, minimal gain. And how will the toxic waste be disposed of safely, safely to the community, that is?

We hear more & more about fracking causing unexpected seismic activity, is that a risk the BLM considers safe to add near the Abiquiu Reservoir?

So many people's families have lived in the Chama basin area for hundreds of years and many people have arrived in the area because of its beauty, relative quiet, history, and natural attributes. No amount of repair & recovery can make up for the disruption within communities of the incursion of Gas & Oil rigs, the trucking, which will pollute the air and produce noise, as well as a new and non-resident population who will feel no concern for anything but their jobs. It seems as though the BLM has considered only what a professional geologist thinks can be done, nothing else, no other consequence. Is that the correct stewardship of the public's land?

Perhaps alternative energy sources would also be problematic in the quantity needed to completely substitute for Oil & Gas, (not to mention Coal) but if we had multiple points of dependence we would not be so destructive in one way, the weight of human

endeavor would not be born by one source, nor if there should be shortages would it be so catastrophic in one arena. In other words we would be more independent, if we had more reliable sources of energy, instead of more heavily relying on Oil & Gas.

I request that the 13 parcels mentioned above be deferred in this Lease Sale. A finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the October 22, 2014 Oil & Gas Lease Sale is not supported by the Environmental Assessment as it now stands. This is not the appropriate area for a fracking enterprise!

Sincerely,



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