

O-1: New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, Tiffany Rivera

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment O-1-1

Dear Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pecos Outstanding Waters petition. New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau [NMF&LB] is the largest agriculture organization in the state, representing more than 20,000 member families involved in all aspects of agriculture including dairy, livestock, fruits, and vegetables. NMF&LB is a grassroots advocacy organization which represents our members' interests at a local, state, and national level. NMF&LB respectfully opposes the proposal submitted by the petitioners to designate portions of the Pecos River as an outstanding national resource water (ONRW). NMF&LB adamantly opposes ONRW designations, these designations have the potential to severely limit economic growth while also placing additional restrictions and regulations on water and land use. In a state as arid and dry as New Mexico, continued access and use of water and our working lands is imperative. Additionally, we oppose the proposal as it includes designated segments located on private land, NMF&LB supports an individual's private property rights and this proposal has the potential to infringe on those rights. Our state's farmers and ranchers are some of the best and most experienced stewards of our natural resources as their very livelihoods depend on land and water. In New Mexico, our state's farmers and ranchers have voluntarily enrolled over 10.5 million acres in the Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Our state's farmers and ranchers continue to do their part by reducing their carbon footprints, participating in voluntary conservation programs, and working to restore and improve our state's natural resources. We encourage more voluntary and incentive-based approaches to assist in caring for our environment and natural resources instead of additional mandates, restrictions, and designations. We also have concerns with the impacts that the proposed designation could have on traditional uses of the land and water such as rangeland grazing and farming. Ranching plays a significant role in New Mexico's longstanding customs and culture; ranching has been present in the state since the 16th century with many families utilizing lands for beneficial uses for generations. We have specific concerns with the permitting and approval of pre-existing and new activities by the oversight agency. This permitting process has the potential to restrict pre-existing activities like grazing if they do not align with best management practices identified to protect ONRWs. The proposal may also hinder conservation and watershed restoration projects again, if they do not align with the administering agencies vision of what best management practices look like. Additionally, we have concerns with the oversight agency and their potential authority and jurisdiction over water and land use. Since the petition includes both federal and private lands will there be multiple oversight agencies? Up to this point all previous ONRW's have been located on federal lands with the U.S. Forest Service serving as the singular oversight agency. If a state agency will also serve as an oversight agency, what agency would that be? We would like additional clarity on how these roles will be administered and what type of coordination will be required of the agencies at the state and federal level. Lastly, we would like specific clarity and guidance on how the state oversight agency will work to reduce infringement on private property owners' rights and ability to utilize their land and water.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed ONRW designation. We encourage the commissioners to reject the petition and instead work with local constituents and stakeholders to address resource concerns and protections through voluntary and incentive-based approaches. Best, Tiffany Rivera Director of Government Relations

Response to O-1-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-5: Douglas Dunkle

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 9:03 AM

Comment I-5-1

I am opposed to the Cow Creek development. Our historic Western drought makes development in already fragile ecosystems like Cow Creek too dangerous to proceed.

Response to I-5-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-1: Jerry O'Shea

Submit Date: 03/12/2022 2:47 PM

Comment I-1-1

I have lived in the Pecos Valley and have fished the Pecos River for forty eight years. During this nearly half century I have seen many changes in the river, some positive, like the creation of the Pecos Canyon State Park, the annual Dia del Rio river cleanup and this petition for declaring the river to be Outstanding National Water Resource. Some changes are not so positive, including river side house construction, septic systems, and the privatization of state waters by wealthy ranches like River Bend and Pecos River Ranch. However, the greatest change to the Pecos is climate change. In just the last decade river flows have swung from lowest of 5 cfs to over 5000 cfs during the flood of Sept 3, 2017. I understand that ONWR designation cannot minimize climate change, but it can add protections to promote quality water.

The designation of ONRW will protect this fragile Pecos River environment and help improve the water quality. I would also suggest that State Water Quality Commission work closely with the State Fish and Game commission to improve the stock and quality of trout waters that fall within the new ONWR designation. Perhaps these waters could be regulated as fly fishing and catch and release waters like the upper parts of Pecos Canyon State Park.

Thank you.

Jerry O'Shea

Response to I-1-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-2: Matthew Cleary

Submit Date: 03/24/2022 10:32 AM

Comment I-2-1

The Pecos Watershed is a place of incredible beauty in New Mexico, and any additional protections that we can provide - especially after the mining that took place and degraded the water quality are well warranted. This should be a high priority and will hopefully keep the Pecos as pristine as possible for future generations.

Response to I-2-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-3: Kenneth Tabish

Submit Date: 03/28/2022 1:47 PM

Comment I-3-1

Water Quality Control Commission
1190 St. Francis Drive
Suite S-2102
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: WQCC 21-51(R) Designation of Waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding National Resource Waters

Dear Commissioners:

I moved to New Mexico in 1981 as an experienced fly fisher person. As a new resident and fly fisher person, I sought out the best trout waters in the state to fish. I immediately was pulled to the upper Pecos River Watershed above the town of Pecos. I was amazed at the length of the river and countless places and tributaries to fish along this portion of the river. I was attracted by the quality of the water and its ability to hold wild Brown Trout. For the sport fisherman on the Upper Pecos, I became aware of how much the river was stocked with Triploid Trout of which I have caught many and returned to the river.

As a catch and release fly fisher person, I was also aware of the heavy use of the Pecos by sport fisherman, campers, hikers, day users and those wanting to access the Pecos Wilderness. Often, I could see out of state license plates on the vehicles in the parking areas and campgrounds.

Nonetheless, I fish the Pecos several times a year and have increasingly witnessed the increase pressure by users on the river. Over the years, I have also witnessed the improvements and regulations by the NMG&F placed on the Pecos to preserve the quality of the water and the

area. I have also witnessed the efforts by local environmental and fishing groups to preserve the area regarding the environmental impact by users, the quality of the water and the impact outside corporate intruders would have on the watershed. For those who enjoy the outdoors, the Upper Pecos has something for everyone, whether one fishes or not.

As one of the states, largest, longest and most important rivers, the Upper Pecos deserves recognition as an Outstanding National Resource Water. I would hope the commission sees the value of this very important, beautiful and publicly visited watershed in the state. Such a designation would ensure future protection regarding water quality and environmental preservation.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Tabish
tabish1054@yahoo.com
Bosque Chapter-TU
NM Council-TU

Response to I-3-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-4: Blair Grey

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 7:27 AM

Comment I-4-1

Greetings. I have lived for 23 years in the El Molina reclamation valley. I just had to have my well redrilled because of the toxins leftover from the last silver mine project. We cannot afford to poison our watershed again as this affects all life. Profits have no impact upon the community nor the nature dependent upon clean water. We must protect our sacred lands and waterways from corporate greed. Save the Pecos.

Response to I-4-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-6: Joe Jones

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 9:25 AM

Comment I-6-1

Dear Water Quality Control Commission:

The iconic Upper Pecos watershed is the lifeblood of the region's economy, ecosystem and way of life. Outstanding Waters (ONRW) protections respects the role of clean water as the lifeblood of our communities and ensures that the clean water of the Pecos is kept clean for our children and grandchildren.

The Upper Pecos Watershed supports a rich tradition of farming, ranching, acequias, and other traditional uses all of which depend on clean water. Thanks in large part to a long history of respect and stewardship among those who call the area home, most of the waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed remain clean and healthy today.

Please vote to designate the Pecos as Outstanding Waters to ensure this clean water is protected for future generations.

Sincerely,

Joe E Jones DDS

Response to I-6-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-7: Donna Ehle

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 2:01 PM

Comment I-7-1

Dear Water Quality Control Commission:

Please vote to designate the Pecos River as Outstanding Waters to ensure this clean water is protected for future generations. I visit the Pecos River and the surrounding area weekly, and it is one of the most beautiful and soul-enriching places for local residents to visit. Tourist dollars also support the local community. Water is Life! Please do all you can to protect the Pecos. Thank you, Donna Ehle

Response to I-7-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-8: Susan Peirce

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 9:39 PM

Comment I-8-1

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Please vote to designate the Pecos as Outstanding Waters to ensure this clean water is protected for future generations. "

Response to I-8-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-9: Richard Jones

Submit Date: 04/01/2022 11:57 AM

Comment I-9-1

I want to add my support for the petitioner's request to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed including its perennial and non-perennial tributaries as Outstanding Natural Resource Waters. As a nearby resident who has spent many days exploring, backpacking and fly fishing in the area, particularly the Mora, Panchuela, and the upper Pecos Canyon, I can attest to the importance of this environment to the health and well being of humans, aquatic species and terrestrial wildlife. I also can't emphasize enough how vital this watershed is in light of the environmental threat of global warming, and its associated effects of drought, depleted water supplies, forest and wetland degradation, and downstream fish kills. Additionally, the Pecos and its tributaries supply water for villages, towns, cities and farms downstream and into Texas. In our State, with the least amount of surface water of any in the Union, this pristine watershed is irreplaceable. Thank you for allowing me to comment. I appreciate your commitment to water quality in the Land of Enchantment.

Response to I-9-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-10: Eliza Gilkyson

Submit Date: 04/02/2022 8:14 AM

Comment I-10-1

My grandparents hiked up Pecos canyon past the monastery in the 40's on a dirt trail. My father and mother stayed at the Los Pinos Ranch in the 50's and 60's. I went to Brush Ranch Camp in the 60's. I brought my own family there from the 70's-90's. I have sung the River's praises my whole life. And there are so many people like me who were and are attracted to Northern New Mexico as a sanctuary from the rest of the world. Practically speaking, your tourist dollars are built on the iconic and scenic attractions New Mexico has to offer. As climate change threatens diversity and forest health, the waterways are our most important and valuable asset. Please do everything you can to protect and preserve them. Thank you!
Eliza Gilkyson

Response to I-10-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-11: Gretel Follingstad

Submit Date: 04/05/2022 9:00 AM

Comment I-11-1

San Miguel county should not approve any additional septic systems due to the water quality declines in Cow Creek and other tributary streams.

Response to I-11-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-12: Peter Watson

Submit Date: 04/05/2022 9:03 AM

Comment I-12-1

I support the designation of the Pecos river as an ONRW. I believe that our upmost imperative as New Mexicans is to protect and conserve the natural resources we use in the most pristine condition possible to ensure their quality for future generations.

Response to I-12-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-13: Teresa Seamster

Submit Date: 04/05/2022 12:44 PM

Comment I-13-1

Does the WQCC follow the fish advisories from NM Department of Game and Fish? If it does, it will understand how FEW unimpaired waters are left in this state. Has the WQCC visited the headwaters of the Pecos River and seen the dried up tributaries and the ancient monitoring stations now situated on a dry bank instead of mid stream where their monitoring might be able to collect data? Has the WQCC talked to the people in the communities along the hundreds of miles of the Pecos River to determine how crucial this continued source of clean water is to the eastern side of our state? If any of these investigations have taken place, then the designation of a small segment of the upper Pecos River as an Outstanding National Resource Waters should be automatic decision and one long over-due.

There are many tools to assist commission members in locating information vital to making decisions. One recent tool is the:

Forests to Faucets Interactive Map March 2022

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/4e450a6c7ed24f0cbae4abc1c07843b7?item=2&mc_cid=1ef7212d81&mc_eid=19bc36ebb9

The connected role of our forest watersheds and the future of clean water in our rivers is mapped in this set of "storymaps".

As a local resident that volunteers time to conduct water sampling on the upper Pecos River every year (Taos Water Sentinels program), I see a river that has come back from severe acid mine drainage in the 1930s-to-1980's from unregulated abuse from the old Tererro Mine. Such exploitation of an exceptional water resource as the Pecos should never occur again. Protection

is vital and ONRW designation is a crucial step forward for all living entities that depend on a clean healthy Pecos.

Response to I-13-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-14: Bill Zenger

Submit Date: 04/05/2022 1:09 PM

Comment I-14-1

I want to say that I've been here since 2006 and I came here from California where I grew up fishing with my parents on the eastern side of the Sierra National Forest. My dad and I would hike up and fish along the John Muir trail, all the lakes and many streams. When we wanted to drink we just took our folding cups and dip into the stream nearest to us. We didn't get sick because the water was good. Not today because you will get sick due to all the pollution in air and animals. Not too many animals at 11000-12000 ft.. When I moved here the Pecos River reminded me of the streams in the Sierra's and when I want a drink the Pecos is so nice that I want to drink from it. I do love this river for its beautiful scenery and great fishing.

But there is a downside to it and it goes back to the first Terrero mine that still has iron oxides flowing into the river and it doesn't look good. Some visitors to the area stop a look at it and are turned off and they will not keep fish below it. I know what it is and I've seen it in the water that comes from iron rich soil, but it still looks bad.

I hope that the Pecos River is protected for me and future generations to come. It's great for the economy and should be protected from all sorts of polluting factors. Like I said it looks good enough to drink.

Response to I-14-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-15: Anjali Bean

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 1:27 PM

Comment I-15-1

Response to I-15-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-16: New Mexico Federal Lands Council

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 4:13 PM

Comment I-16-1

Response to I-16-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-17: Holli Fields

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 7:03 PM

Comment I-17-1

Our waters are important for All Life. Helping to keep the ecosystem healthy is the responsibility of companies, public services and private individuals. It is our duty to protect what little areas and water ways we have left from those who would mine or use up the resources for short-term public services. Yes, short-term because the damage by construction and pollution causes more destruction, life-less areas as already experienced in other areas. Surely there are better solutions to serve public and private needs.

Response to I-17-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-18: Ellen Caldwell

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 7:12 PM

Comment I-18-1

Information about the ecological significance of the Upper Pecos Watershed - that provides rich habitat for Spotted Owl, deer herds, cutthroat trout and much more.

I& my family have spent much time in the Pecos River area, hiking, camping, backpacking, just going to hang out by the beautiful crystal clean river waters.

The Pecos River stands out from other waters in the state - as an over 400 mile long agricultural corridor of farms and ranches.

Protecting the Pecos would be beneficial to the state's clean water supply and would protect our rural economy.

Response to I-18-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-19: Elizabeth Fryer

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 7:48 PM

Comment I-19-1

Our family has been camping & fishing in the upper Pecos for generations. It's a source of recreation and CLEAN WATER so valuable to both NM and tourism.

Please continue it's protected status. Thank you

Response to I-19-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-20: Pamela Marshall

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 8:06 PM

Comment I-20-1

I've lived in East Pecos since the 80's and am a residential property owner since 1993. Throughout my residence here I have enjoyed, appreciated and valued the Pecos River, the watershed and riparian areas that support Many species of wildlife, trout, frogs, wild birds , deer, raccoon, bears , and coyotes and foxes to name several that make thus river basin and forest their habitat. I have OPPOSED the old and new mining claims in the Terrero and Dalton Canyon Area, fought to get Federal superfund cleanup of the heavy metal non point source pollution from the old silver mine AND the overburden tailings that the forest service and San Miguel County spread over the service roads as well as my CRB 60(old colonial rd . Renamed). I have supported necessary changes to the old mining laws and have lobbied and written letters and signed petitions for decades. PECOS River and the National Forest is a wonderful recreation area, enjoyed by hikers, campers and birders alike. The water list it's quality to heavy metals now in the fish, and ecoli from cattle grazing which should NEVER be allowed on our public lands! I ask that you take every measure possible to protect and remediate our river basin from pollution, unnecessary roads, mt. Bikes and three wheelers that create erosion and noise pollution that threaten the wildlife and degrade their habitat. No logging, no mining, no three wheelers. "Pack it in and pack it out". Keep our precious river basin and wild lands safe, clean and protected, I don't have high speed WiFi and can not zoom to testify at your hearing. I am submitting here instead. Thank you for all that you do for wild and scenic rivers and streams and riparian areas in the PECOS .

Response to I-20-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-21: Candace Duran

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 8:11 PM

Comment I-21-1

I urge the designation of the Pecos River for Outstanding Waters . This river is important in value to humans and wildlife. The area is popular for recreational activities such as camping.

Response to I-21-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-22: Ron Faich

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 1:05 AM

Comment I-22-1

I agree with this petition: PETITIONERS VILLAGE OF PECOS, SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, UPPER PECOS WATER ASSOCIATION, NEW MEXICO ACEQUIA ASSOCIATION, AND MOLINO DE LA ISLA ORGANICS LLC'S,
PETITION TO DESIGNATE SURFACE WATERS OF THE UPPER PECOS WATERSHED AS
OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RESOURCE WATERS

Response to I-22-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-23: Margo Wyse

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 7:13 AM

Comment I-23-1

Stop destroying this beautiful planet/wildlife on it!!!

Response to I-23-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-24: Melissa Houser

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 7:29 AM

Comment I-24-1

Recreation brings millions of dollars to the area surrounding the Upper Pecos River. 65% of New Mexico residents participate in outdoor recreation each year.

The Upper Pecos river is home to one of the few remaining populations of New Mexico's native Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Additionally, these cold and clean waters are home to brown trout, rainbow trout, and brook trout, making it an excellent place for both fly and bait fishing. Fly fishing guides have named the Upper Pecos 6th among the "11 best places to fly fish in NM". Within the Pecos Canyon, the Pecos River is among NM's best cold-water fisheries. Indeed, a stretch of the nominated area includes state "Special Trout Waters". The NM Department of Game and Fish angler data ranges from 83,000-140,000 angler days in San Miguel County, the majority of which are on the Pecos River.

Fish and wildlife that travel from this nominated stretch to the tributaries and headwaters of Wilderness areas do not distinguish boundaries. Ecological and hydrological interconnectedness makes the nominated waters a significant attribute of the neighboring Pecos Wilderness. Wildlife such as bear, mule deer and elk depend on undisturbed habitat corridors to migrate and forage, and of course, clean water to thrive. Please help promote recreation as an economic opportunity for the region while protecting this gem of a river for trout by supporting the ONRW designation for the Upper Pecos.

In 2013, anglers alone spent over \$28 million towards fishing in San Miguel County. This contributed to 333 local jobs, \$11 million in labor income, and over \$2 million in state and local taxes. In 2013, hunters destined for San Miguel County spent over \$18 million. This hunting activity contributed directly to 232 jobs, over \$7 million in labor income, and \$1.3 million in state and local taxes.

I request that you please support the petition to nominate the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding National Resource Waters for New Mexico.

Response to I-24-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-25: Staci Stevens

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 7:47 AM

Comment I-25-1

The Pecos River deserves Outstanding Waters protections. This unique area has been integral to the outdoor recreation culture of Northern New Mexico for generations. The Pecos is where my family would come for picnics when I was growing up. It's where my grandfather taught me to fish. It's where I taught my daughter to fish. It's where we come camping and hiking with friends. It's where I performed a memorial service for my father, who was born near the southern stretch of the Pecos in Carlsbad, after he passed away. This area is more than a river it is a tie that binds families, provides economic and agricultural opportunities and is rich in biodiversity. Please protect the sacred area for generations to come.

Response to I-25-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-26: Ernest Torrez

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 8:21 AM

Comment I-26-1

Range improvements over the centuries by ancestors of existing families in New Mexico forests, proves up the survivability of those agriculture groups and their ability to utilize land and water resources to enhance production of livestock and irrigated land. Federal control of forest lands and ongoing overreach and fiscal oppression, which occurs through restrictive policies on multiple use, continues to this day.

The failings of mismanagement of the forest, by neglect and the catastrophic outcomes from post fire debris flow, particularly soil and water yield loss, have be quantified and documented by the Range Improvement Task Force. Adding more restrictions/regulations to New Mexico forest through ONRW does not help alleviate existing conditions of over burden of bio-fuel. I am opposed to ONRW.

Response to I-26-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-27: Amy Carpenter

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 9:19 AM

Comment I-27-1

Protection of the Pecos River has never been more sharply in focus than it will be during the next days. We still have the ability to shelter this iconic, critical waterway from the reach of

those who seek to monetize it, in direct opposition to what is just, sensible, and in alignment with the true meaning of the term "conservation."

Here in New Mexico, we have seen over the years that the buffering of our wilderness areas -- specifically, our waterways -- has proven to be a fragile but durable bulwark against those who not only don't have the interests of New Mexico's people at heart, but who have turned their unrelenting search for gain at any expense into yet another extraction industry.

Not only is the Pecos Wilderness an irreplaceable treasure offering peace, solace, and grace to those of us who are nature lovers, it is a source of renewal of the economic health of our state. Without the life-giving sustenance of Pecos waters, rural farmers along its 400 miles will be the direct inheritors of short-sighted and irresponsible policies that have denied them of their very life blood.

Too, the heartbeat of New Mexico has long resided in its value as a tourism destination. If we continue to give free rein to privatization efforts, those of us who truly value what is most ephemeral and irreplaceable about our beloved home state will be the victims of state-sanctioned plunder

My husband and I first took our children camping in the Pecos when my daughter was only months old, and I'll never forget the bliss of having an uninterrupted night's sleep after many wakeful hours of trying to comfort a colicky baby; the lulling babble of the Pecos, it seems, offered nanny services I could never hope to replicate in our urban Albuquerque home!

Please, help the farmers, the sportsmen & women, the wildlife conservationists, the thirsty fields, and the mothers and fathers of cranky children throughout our state to know that the Pecos, among the most treasures and valuable of New Mexico's endangered waterways, has a chance of surviving the coming years of dwindling sources of water.

Response to I-27-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-28: Christine Davis

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 9:19 AM

Comment I-28-1

We've lived in New Mexico since 1984 and I would not live anywhere else. What I love most about the state is the beautiful wild spaces where rivers run clear and you can hike for hours in solitude. I am committed to help preserve our beautiful state for future generations.

Now it's time to save the Pecos River from mining once again.

In 1991 contaminants, after a heavy snowmelt from the old Terrero Mine, were washed into the Pecos killing more than 90,00 fish and required a \$28,000,000 clean up paid for by the citizens of New Mexico not the mining company.

The Pecos River recovered, but is now facing a new threat.

Comexico LLC, a Colorado subsidiary of Australian mining company New World Resources Ltd., wants to mine more than 5,000 acres. Comexico is looking at mining up to 5 million tons of ore. Comexico is a foreign owned company that has no vested interest in preserving the Pecos River. Their only interest is making money.

The Pecos River has enough challenges brought on by our changing climate: diminished snowpack and wildfires. Let's not add the pollution challenges of a large mining operation. The Pecos River area has a rich cultural history and has seen an increase in recreation in the area. The Upper Pecos Watershed is home to trout, deer, owls and is important for the farms and ranches in the area.

More and more people are discovering New Mexico is the most beautiful state in the USA and outdoor recreation is creating jobs for people in our state—from organic farms, wildlife guides, fishing and hunting.

Say yes to preserving NM and no to mining!

Response to I-28-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-29: Protect Americans Now

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 10:27 AM

Comment I-29-1

Response to I-29-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-31: Stacia Lewandowski

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-31-1

Dear Commissioners: One of my family's favorite things to do is to go for the ride up through the beautiful Pecos Valley, and sometimes get out to do a mountain hike. It is indeed a place worthy of conservation at the highest level. But the Pecos River is so much more than that one area, since it is such a long river, it is important to a good number of communities. I support the petition submitted by San Miguel County, Village of Pecos, New Mexico Acequia Association, Molino de la Isla Organics, and Upper Pecos Watershed Association to protect the Upper Pecos Watershed, from Dalton Canyon upstream to the Wilderness Boundary, as Outstanding National Resource Waters. The Upper Pecos River is one of the last remaining cold-water refuges for endangered species, such as the Rio Grande cutthroat trout, other trout species, special status plant species, and additional species important for the economic and ecological health of New Mexico. With climate change and accompanying drought, protecting pristine cold waters, like the Upper Pecos River, is vitally important for aquatic biodiversity in New Mexico. The Upper Pecos River provides exceptional opportunities for recreational activities such as hiking, hunting, camping, bird-watching, photography, and fishing. Families from across New Mexico escape to the campgrounds, fishing holes, and picnic areas of the Upper Pecos

River to enjoy its beauty, while providing significant economic benefits to the local economy. The Upper Pecos River is one of New Mexico's best cold-water fisheries and is renowned for its trout fishing. In fact, two of the nominated stretches are classified as state special trout waters, which means they are managed to provide unique fishing opportunities in New Mexico and are important for native trout conservation. The Pecos River Valley is culturally significant to the P'áé kilâ or Pecos Pueblo, who inhabited the Pecos River Valley until the 19th century. The Pecos People farmed the floodplains and hunted and gathered throughout the valley. While the descendants of the Pecos Pueblo now reside with the Hemish, or Jemez People, the Pecos River Valley, including the nominated Upper Pecos Watershed, remains culturally significant. To this day, descendants of the Pecos Pueblo return to the Pecos to perform ceremonial rites and celebrate the annual feast day of the patron saint for the Pecos Pueblo. Finally, the communities downstream from the nominated waters depend on the clean flowing water of the Pecos River. For generations, local farmers have irrigated their lands with acequias fed by the Pecos River. Maintained through a unique tradition of communal work, acequias fed by the Pecos River provide food for many of the local farmers' markets in the region. Without clean water from the Pecos, the acequia community will lose not only income and sustenance, but a part of their culture. I ask you to designate the entire 180 miles of nominated waters and surrounding wetlands as Outstanding National Resource Waters because of their ecological, cultural, and economic importance to New Mexico and its people. Sincerely, Stacia Lewandowski

Response to I-31-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-32: Steven Smith

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-32-1

Dear Commissioners: As a frequent visitor to the Upper Pecos Valley, I treasure the area's natural beauty, recreational importance and most importantly, recognize and seek to protect its lifeflow, the Pecos River and its watershed. I support the petition submitted by San Miguel County, Village of Pecos, New Mexico Acequia Association, Molino de la Isla Organics, and Upper Pecos Watershed Association to protect the Upper Pecos Watershed, from Dalton Canyon upstream to the Wilderness Boundary, as Outstanding National Resource Waters. The Upper Pecos River is one of the last remaining cold-water refuges for endangered species, such as the Rio Grande cutthroat trout, other trout species, special status plant species, and additional species important for the economic and ecological health of New Mexico. With climate change and accompanying drought, protecting pristine cold waters, like the Upper Pecos River, is vitally important for aquatic biodiversity in New Mexico. The Upper Pecos River provides exceptional opportunities for recreational activities such as hiking, hunting, camping, bird-watching, photography, and fishing. Families from across New Mexico escape to the campgrounds, fishing holes, and picnic areas of the Upper Pecos River to enjoy its beauty, while

providing significant economic benefits to the local economy. The Upper Pecos River is one of New Mexico's best cold-water fisheries and is renowned for its trout fishing. In fact, two of the nominated stretches are classified as state special trout waters, which means they are managed to provide unique fishing opportunities in New Mexico and are important for native trout conservation. The Pecos River Valley is culturally significant to the P'áé kilâ or Pecos Pueblo, who inhabited the Pecos River Valley until the 19th century. The Pecos People farmed the floodplains and hunted and gathered throughout the valley. While the descendants of the Pecos Pueblo now reside with the Hemish, or Jemez People, the Pecos River Valley, including the nominated Upper Pecos Watershed, remains culturally significant. To this day, descendants of the Pecos Pueblo return to the Pecos to perform ceremonial rites and celebrate the annual feast day of the patron saint for the Pecos Pueblo. Finally, the communities downstream from the nominated waters depend on the clean flowing water of the Pecos River. For generations, local farmers have irrigated their lands with acequias fed by the Pecos River. Maintained through a unique tradition of communal work, acequias fed by the Pecos River provide food for many of the local farmers' markets in the region. Without clean water from the Pecos, the acequia community will lose not only income and sustenance, but a part of their culture. I ask you to designate the entire 180 miles of nominated waters and surrounding wetlands as Outstanding National Resource Waters because of their ecological, cultural, and economic importance to New Mexico and its people. Sincerely, Steven Smith

Response to I-32-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-33: Tom Kovach

Submit Date: 04/04/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-33-1

Ms. Jones, I strongly urge the Commission to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters. Protecting the Pecos would protect downstream acequias and ensure that this important agricultural and cultural resource is protected in the Pecos area. The Pecos is beneficial to the state because it is close to Santa Fe and is a recreational destination for residents and tourists alike and is, therefore, an important economic driver for the local area and for the state. We often talk about doing things for rural New Mexico not just the corridor and this would be one important step to helping rural economies while protecting the natural beauty of the area. Tom Kovach

Response to I-33-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-34: Petition with 660

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-34-1

Dear Commissioners, I am joining with community members, local governments, farmers, ranchers, and water conservation groups in urging the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission to protect 14 miles of the Pecos River and 162 miles of tributaries within the Pecos River Watershed as Outstanding Waters under the Clean Water Act. I support the petition, submitted by San Miguel County, Village of Pecos, New Mexico Acequia Association, Molino de la Isla Organics, and Upper Pecos Watershed Association, to protect the Upper Pecos Watershed, from Dalton Canyon upstream to the Wilderness Boundary. The Upper Pecos is among New Mexico's best (and last) cold-water fisheries and contains some of the last remaining refuges for New Mexico's native Rio Grande cutthroat trout. The watershed also supports other endangered, threatened, or at-risk species and is home to species with key economic and ecological significance, including the Rocky Mountain bighorn, elk, mule deer; mountain lions, bobcats, and bald eagles. Residents and communities in the area depend heavily on recreational tourism, and the watershed supports recreational opportunities including hunting, angling, camping, and hiking that support jobs in the community. The Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW) designation will also protect the water that 55 acequias in the Upper Pecos watershed and downstream communities depend on for clean flowing water to feed their acequias and water their livestock. The Upper Pecos Watershed is the ancestral homeland to the Pecos Pueblo, who still consider the area culturally significant. The descendants of Spanish settlers also depend on the region for traditional land-use practices. Outstanding Waters designation will protect the waters without interfering with traditional land and water uses. New Mexico is an arid state. Climate change is threatening our surface waters as warming temperatures disrupt precipitation patterns and steadily diminish flows. Protecting headwater streams and tributaries is one, robust, way to build resilience into our precious rivers, prolonging water flow, supporting wildlife, maintaining acequia agricultural practices and culture, and providing a basis for a strong outdoor recreation economy. I urge you to designate all the nominated waters in the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding National Resource Waters.

Response to I-34-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-35: Chiyoko Yoshida

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-35-1

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Chiyoko Yoshida and I am a resident, small business owner, property owner and Acequia member from Ribera NM / Los Trigos & Pueblo Ditches. I also own irrigated property in Pecos, NM I hope to create an AirBNB and or Art Gallery to attract people to our community to respectfully enjoy the rich and natural environment we are so blessed to enjoy. The Pecos river runs right through my property in Ribera and is steps away from my property in Pecos, NM. I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and

Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Our community relies on the Pecos waters for our crops, our livestock and recreation. For generations so many families have relied upon the Pecos for everything. It is imperative we keep the river safe from contaminants that will harm our communities health, the well being of our lands, farms and wildlife. It is critical to all aspects of life (financial, health, water sources). Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Chiyoko Yoshida CEO/Developer Chiyofm LLC HC 72 Box 186 Ribera, NM

Response to I-35-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-36: Dorothy Moloney

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-36-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is [ADD YOUR NAME HERE] and I am a [ADD YOUR ROLE SUCH AS COMMUNITY MEMBER, PARCIANTE, MAYORDOMO, COMMISSIONER, FARMER/RANCHER, STUDENT] from [ADD YOUR TOWN AND/OR ACEQUIA NAME HERE], and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. INSERT YOUR STORY HERE OR DELETE THIS LINE - WHY IS ONRW DESIGNATION OF THE UPPER PECOS WATERSHED IMPORTANT TO YOU? Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Dorothy Moloney PO BOX 204 Holman, NM 87723 Dorothy Moloney djmoloney@earthlink.net P.O. Box 204 Holman, New

Response to I-36-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-37: Matthew Encinias

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-37-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is [Matthew encinias] and I am a [ADD YOUR ROLE SUCH AS COMMUNITY MEMBER] from [chimayo nm], and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. It is good for the community Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Matthew encinias 5059203783 Matthew Encinias healingstewarts@gmail.com P.o. box 494 Chimayo nm Chimayo , New Mexico 87522

Response to I-37-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-38: John Brown

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-38-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is John Brown and I am a long-time Board member of the NM Water Dialogue from Corrales. I am writing in support of the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos

watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, John R Brown NM Water Dialogue Board Member
john.r.brown2@gmail.com John R Brown john.r.brown2@gmail.com PO Box 1387 Corrales,
New Mexico 87048

Response to I-38-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-39: Michael Murphy

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-39-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Michael Murphy and I am a New Mexican and a retiree, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Clearly water is increasingly crucial to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness here in the Land of Enchantment. It may well be the most important issue in the 21st century. Please protect the Upper Pecos Watershed by designating it as outstanding waters. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. Water truly is life. Thank you. Sincerely, Michael Murphy

Response to I-39-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-40: Mary Orr

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-40-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Mary Orr and I am a parciante from Acequia del Ancon, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association,

and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. I am also a fisherperson who treasures the clean, cold water that supports the wonderful trout fishery of the Pecos River. These waters are in danger from prolonged drought. Scientists are saying this is possibly a megadrought in the West, the worst in 1,200 years as in this NPR story https://www.npr.org/2022/02/14/1080302434/study-finds-western-megadrought-is-the-worst-in-200-years?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20220214&utm_term=.6319982&utm_campaign=breakingnews&utm_id=8080638&orgid=309&utm_att1=. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Mary Orr Parciante of Acequia del Ancon mvorr01@gmail.com 505-852-9017 MARY ORR

Response to I-40-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-41: Patrick Colvin

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-41-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Patrick Colvin and I am a member of the Upper Pecos Watershed Association. I live in Pecos on the main acequia that flows past Saint Michaels Church, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. Everyone know this needs to get done. Not just for Pecos but for all of Northern New Mexico! Don't let the mining companies poison these waters any more they did so many years ago. Protect a river everyone loves and remembers from their childhood. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for

your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Patrick Colvin PO Box 195, Pecos NM 87552 Patrick Colvin pcolvin2@gmail.com PO Box 195 Pecos, New Mexico 87552

Response to I-41-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-42: Rebecca Peterson

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-42-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Dr. Rebecca Peterson and I am an ecopsychologist. I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. I grew up in Santa Fe and am deeply tied to the land. My graduate education in Jungian depth psychology and dreamwork with ecopsychology studies has made me acutely aware of the importance of clean water for our overall well-being. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Rebecca L. Peterson, PhD mexrebe@yahoo.

Response to I-42-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-43: Rick Urenda

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-43-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Rick Urenda, and I am a President from the San Mateo Acequia Association, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. As a advocate of farming and ranchers, it vital for communities that have had a water source throughout a

lifetime, I am sure has been rewarding for families of farmers and ranchers. To take it away partially or completely would be de demontruius to this community. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Rick Urenda 505-999-9579 Rick Urenda

Response to I-43-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-44: Tomasz Falkowski, PhD.

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-44-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Tomasz Falkowski and I am a community member, assistant professor of forestry, and small farmer from Rowe, NM, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to longterm aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. I've been researching ecology and forestry for the past ten years and climate change for the past three. However, all of this academic understanding paled in comparison to the learning I had to do when my well ran dry. Climate change is not some distant future event, it is a present reality. There's nothing like being unable to shower, cook, or drink water from the tap to teach you the hard lesson that el agua es vida. Without water, there can be no life, and no amount of rural economic development can replace that once it is lost. Beyond maintaining the ecological health, integrity, and resilience of the watershed, protecting is also critical to maintain the cultural vitality and strength of community of the region. The watershed is critical to maintain the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers that are providing us with the food we need. As dollar stores invade our communities and dry up local businesses, local farms providing accessible and healthy food are the last bulwark against these regions becoming food deserts. The generosity of the Pecos River and the watershed that feeds into it is what sustains us in Pecos, Glorieta, Rowe, and the many communities that live downstream. We rely upon the watershed to recharge the aquifer and river that provide us

with drinking water, food, recreation, and our sense of belonging. In return for these many gifts, the least we can do is protect this watershed as best we can. Declaring the Upper Pecos Watershed as an Outstanding National Waters would be an important first step in stewarding this place, which is our critical gift and crucial responsibility as Nuevomexicanos. To close, safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Tomasz Falkowski, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Forestry New Mexico Highlands University

Response to I-44-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-45: Virginia Castellano

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-45-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Virginia Castellano and I am a concerned citizen of Santa Fe and have friends who will be impacted greatly without the water that has been in use for generations. from Santa Fe, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean. Historical traditions since the Spanish settlers are a way of life in This area. Protection is a must. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Virginia Castellano Concerned Citizen virgc505@q.com 505-603-0910 Virginia Castellano

Response to I-45-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-46: Alicia Edwards

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-46-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Alicia Edwards and I am a County Commissioner in Grant County, NM as well as a land steward on the Acequia de Llano in the Lower Mimbres Valley. I fully support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. The first time I opened the gate and water from the Llano touched the land I had recently become steward for, was the first time irrigation water had touched the land in at least a decade--it was incredibly dry. I sat down at the edge of the ditch with my feet in the water and cried. There is something profoundly and deeply emotional about the history of acequias in NM; the people who originally hand dug them to bring life giving water to the land, the many, many generations of people who have taken care of them, the food that has been grown, the animals that have been watered, the families, and not just human families, whose livelihood and survival depends on them. We want so much from this land, from our planet; wealth most of all. But there is a limit and that limit is water. There is more wind, fewer rains, less snowpack, hotter days, not enough pollinators...the list goes on. It isn't a matter of when the time comes. The time is now. We will not be able to drink our smart phones or eat our solar panels. The old ways have something to teach us about the care and consideration of our most precious resource. Water. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

Response to I-46-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-47: Angelina Lopez-Brody

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-47-1

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Angelina Lopez-Brody and I am a Commissioner on the Ranchos de Atrisco/Armijo Acequia from Albuquerque, NM, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular

concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Angelina Lopez-Brody Commissioner - Ranchos de Atrisco/Armijo Acequia 505-507-5400 angelina.m.lopez@gmail.com Angelina Lopez-Brody angelina.m.lopez@gmail.com 301 Greenwich Rd. SW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

Response to I-47-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-48: Bethany Jorgenson

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-48-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Bethany Jorgensen and I am a community member from Rowe, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. These traditions are not only valued as living history of the Pecos Valley, they are also essential for navigating the uncertainty of the future. Just last month, our well ran dry here in Rowe along NM-Hwy 63. Our experience echoes those we hear from colleagues, friends, and neighbors, demonstrating increasing concern and real challenges caused by depleted aquifers here in New Mexico unable to recharge fast enough to meet demand. We must protect the water that is here for livable uses, including those of the farms and ranches relying on the acequias. The ways we see climate change impacting our precious surface waters are of particular concern. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to longterm aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Bethany Jorgensen Researcher, Cornell University

Response to I-48-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-49: Carole Cressman

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-49-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is [ADD YOUR NAME HERE] and I am a [ADD YOUR ROLE SUCH AS COMMUNITY MEMBER, PARCIANTE, MAYORDOMO, COMMISSIONER, FARMER/RANCHER, STUDENT] from [ADD YOUR TOWN AND/OR ACEQUIA NAME HERE], and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. INSERT YOUR STORY HERE OR DELETE THIS LINE - WHY IS ONRW DESIGNATION OF THE UPPER PECOS WATERSHED IMPORTANT TO YOU? Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Carole Cressman 505-470-5788 cressmancarole@gmail.com Carole Cressman

Response to I-49-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-50: Dawn Tirschel

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-50-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is [ADD YOUR NAME HERE] and I am a [ADD YOUR ROLE SUCH AS COMMUNITY MEMBER, PARCIANTE, MAYORDOMO, COMMISSIONER, FARMER/RANCHER, STUDENT] from [ADD YOUR TOWN AND/OR ACEQUIA NAME HERE], and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. INSERT YOUR STORY HERE OR DELETE THIS LINE - WHY IS ONRW DESIGNATION OF THE UPPER PECOS WATERSHED IMPORTANT TO YOU? Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term

aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, D. Tirschel POB 822 Chimayo, NM 87522 Dawn Tirschel

Response to I-50-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-51: Suzanne Dulle

Submit Date: 04/09/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-51-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Suzanne Dulle and I am a former resident of Northern New Mexico , now living in Silver City. I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. I began spending time along the beautiful waters of the Pecos some 70 years ago. I strongly support preserving this precious water resource! Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Suzanne Dulle suzannedulle@gmail.com Suzanne Dulle

Response to I-51-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-52: Emily Arasim

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-52-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Emily Arasim and I am a young farmer from New Mexico, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico

Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Emily Arasim Emily Arasim

Response to I-52-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-53: Jaimie Park

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-53-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Jaimie Park and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. It is important that New Mexico protect the waters these traditional communities rely upon. ONRW designation of the Upper Pecos Watershed will result in stronger protection of this precious water source from increased development and the impacts of climate change, and will enhance and protect traditional acequia practices. Of particular concern to me is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to longterm aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Jaimie Park Jaimie Park jaimiepark2@gmail.com 2712 Candelaria Road NW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

Response to I-53-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-54: Lizbeth Fogarty

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-54-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Lizbeth Fogarty and I am a parciante from Vadito, on the Llano de la Llegua acqueia. I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Though I have only lived full time in New Mexico since 2020, I have actively been a parciante and actively managed my part of the acqueia since 2018, and did so for three years solo. It was hard and grueling work, but I realized the value of the water and the history of the tradition and I enjoyed and was proud to be part of this New Mexico legacy, as well as be a steward of the land in a fast changing environment because of climate change. I knew I was helping to preserve a way of life for future generations. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. I promise you I am dedicated to helping to preserve our water for future generations. I hope you will do the same. Sincerely, Lizbeth Fogarty 78 Llano de La Llegua Vadito, NM 87579 405-990-6561 Lizbeth

Response to I-54-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-55: Jennifer Watkins

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-55-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Jen Watkins and I am Treasurer of the Pojoaque Valley Regional Acequia Association and a parciante and secretary of my acequia in El Rancho, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned

from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Jen Watkins Jennifer Watkins

Response to I-55-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-56: Michael Lamb

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-56-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, I am a Commissioner of the Acequia Del Potrero in Chimayó and wish to express my support for the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. As is the case with the Santa Cruz River that provides water for our 300 year old acequia, the waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. I expect you are aware of the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters and are aware that New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Likewise that long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. Thank you. Sincerely, Michael Lamb Commissioner Acequia Del Portrero

Response to I-56-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-57: Susan Peirce

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-57-1

Dear Water Quality Control Commission: The iconic Upper Pecos watershed is the lifeblood of the region's economy, ecosystem and way of life. Outstanding Waters (ONRW) protections respects the role of clean water as the lifeblood of our communities and ensures that the clean water of the Pecos is kept clean for our children and grandchildren. The Upper Pecos

Watershed supports a rich tradition of farming, ranching, acequias, and other traditional uses all of which depend on clean water. Thanks in large part to a long history of respect and stewardship among those who call the area home, most of the waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed remain clean and healthy today. Please vote to designate the Pecos as Outstanding Waters to ensure this clean water is protected for future generations. Thank you, Susan S. Peirce 18 paseo de aguila Santa Fe, NM 87506

Response to I-57-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-58: Joseph Giambalvo

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-58-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Joseph Giambalvo and I am the owner of Hummingbird Cabin on the Pecos from Pecos Canyon, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. ONRW designation of the upper Pecos Watershed is important to me because we depend on the hospitality income from the families who come to our cabin to enjoy fishing in the river and hiking in the watershed. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Joseph Giambalvo Owner Hummingbird Cabin on the Pecos jgiambalvo@pecosriverhome.com 1538 NM Highway 63 Pecos, NM

Response to I-58-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-59: Michael Pacheco

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-59-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is [ADD YOUR NAME HERE] and I am a [ADD YOUR ROLE SUCH AS COMMUNITY

MEMBER, PARCIANTE, MAYORDOMO, COMMISSIONER, FARMER/RANCHER, STUDENT] from [ADD YOUR TOWN AND/OR ACEQUIA NAME HERE], and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. INSERT YOUR STORY HERE OR DELETE THIS LINE - WHY IS ONRW DESIGNATION OF THE UPPER PECOS WATERSHED IMPORTANT TO YOU? Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Michael Pacheco La Acequia De Santiago Del Alto de Talco michaeldpacheco@hotmail.com Michael Pacheco

Response to I-59-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-60: Susan Westbrook

Submit Date: 04/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-60-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Susan Westbrook and I am a COMMUNITY MEMBER, from Cerrillos/Madrid and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Susan Westbrook Community Member 171 Dancing Horse Cerrillos, New Mexico 87010 Susan Westbrook

Response to I-60-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-61: Sharlene Grunenud

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-61-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Sharlene Grunerud and I am a farmer in San Lorenzo, New Mexico on the Mimbres River, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. This designation is one step you can make to ensure support for local agriculture and continued food production for New Mexico. The importance of of which grows steadily with every day. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Sharlene Grunerud Farmer 2290 Highway 61 San Lorenzo, New Mexico 88041 Sharlene Grunerud

Response to I-61-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-62: Melissa Stoller

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-62-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Melissa Stoller and I am the treasurer of the Acequia Madre de Tesuque and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality.

Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Melissa Stoller 505-690-5358 Melissa Stoller arasim@cybermesa.com 1501 Bishops Lodge Road Tesuque, New Mexico 87506

Response to I-62-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-63: Vicente Fernandez

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-63-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Vicente Fernandez and I am a Mayordomo, on the Acequia Madre del Sur De Canon, del Rio Don Fernando located in Taos County, NM and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Protection of our watersheds are vital to all upper and down stream users. Encroachment and recreational use are having a big impact on the health of our streams, unregulated septics, pet waste and trash left behind by uncaring users are creating serious impairment to our water quality. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Vicente Fernandez Mayordomo, Acequia Madre del Sur del Rio Don Fernando

Response to I-63-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-64: Zack Bumgamer

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-64-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Zack Bumgarner and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos

Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. I've served as a wilderness ranger in the Pecos Wilderness, and from that experience have witnessed firsthand the pristine quality of the Upper Pecos Watershed and the stewardship of acequias in this area. It is critical that New Mexico protect this precious water source for traditional uses, as well as for responsible recreation. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. I'm also really concerned about the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. Thank you for your careful consideration. Respectfully, Zack Bumgarner Zack Bumgarner

Response to I-64-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-65: Jose Lopez

Submit Date: 04/10/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-65-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Jose Arnaldo Lope and I am a parciante, Commissioner and farmer from the Acequias de Chamisal y Ojito, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Jose Arnaldo Lopez, Commission President Acequias de Chamisal y Ojito 13 Lower Ojito Road Chamisal, NM 87521

Response to I-65-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-66: Susan Meadows

Submit Date: 04/09/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-66-1

Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Susan Meadows and I am a parciante in Nambe on Acequia de los Ortiz and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. I am a retired environmental scientist who has participated in and led environmental assessments of ground and surface waters in the USA, Europe, and Asia. I have seen rain forest islands in the Philippines where there is no potable water supply because of the degradation of fresh water supplies due to forest clear cutting, industrial and non-point source pollution. A native New Mexican, I have always known that el aqua es la vida. I have personally seen what happens - and analysed the risk to wildlife and people - when surface and ground waters are not protected. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Susan Meadows paulj@cybermesa.com 4 County Road 113S Santa Fe, NM 87506

Response to I-66-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-67: Yolanda Jaramillo

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-67-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Yolanda Jaramillo and I am an Acequia Commissioner, Concerned Citizen, and a former resident of Pecos. I am from Dixon, NM and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. Of particular concern is the impact climate change is

having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Yolanda Jaramillo
Acequia Commissioner Dixon, NM 87527 505-423-5366 Yolanda Jaramillo

Response to I-67-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-68: Serafina Lombardi

Submit Date: 04/11/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-68-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is [ADD YOUR NAME HERE] and I am a [ADD YOUR ROLE SUCH AS COMMUNITY MEMBER, PARCIANTE, MAYORDOMO, COMMISSIONER, FARMER/RANCHER, STUDENT] from [ADD YOUR TOWN AND/OR ACEQUIA NAME HERE], and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. INSERT YOUR STORY HERE OR DELETE THIS LINE - WHY IS ONRW DESIGNATION OF THE UPPER PECOS WATERSHED IMPORTANT TO YOU? Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Serafina Lombardi Parciante, Martinez Arriba, Board Member Santa Cruz Stream System Acequia Association Serafina3333@yahoo.com 505-577-5425 Serafina Lombardi

Response to I-68-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-69: Reina Nelson

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-69-1

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Response to I-69-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-70: Susan Verkamp

Submit Date: 04/10/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-70-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is Susan Verkamp and I am parciante from El Prado who has enjoyed wonderful times camping and hiking in the upper Pecos. I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. I am very concerned that increased pressures on this watershed in the future, along with the affects of climate change could have a damaging affect on this

important watershed. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Susan Verkamp susiev@cybermesa.com 575-770-4089 PO Box 557 El Prado, NM 87529 Susan Verkamp

Response to I-70-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-71: Jon Weaver

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-71-1

Dear Water Quality Control Commission: The Pecos River is an iconic New Mexico waterway that sustains the local agricultural community, provides exceptional recreational opportunities, and has many rich and diverse ecological values. Outstanding Waters (ONRW) protections will ensure that clean water in the Pecos is preserved. For generations, the Upper Pecos Watershed supported the Pecos Pueblo peoples and, to this day, remains culturally significant to their descendants. The waters of the Upper Pecos are clean and healthy today because of the long history of respect and stewardship for our land and water. Flowing into nearby acequias, the waters of the Upper Pecos are vital to local agriculture. There are currently 55 acequias that depend on clean water in the Pecos. The Upper Pecos Watershed continues to support a rich tradition of farming, ranching, acequias, and other traditional uses all of which depend on clean water. Outstanding Waters protections respects the role of clean water as the lifeblood of our communities and ensures that the clean water of the Pecos is kept clean for future generations to enjoy for irrigating, ranching, fishing, rafting, and swimming. Our local economy depends on clean water. Recreation brings millions of dollars to the area surrounding the nominated waters. In 2013, anglers alone spent over \$28 million towards fishing in San Miguel County. This contributed to 333 local jobs, \$11 million in labor income, and over \$2 million in state and local taxes. Impacts from roads and extractive industries threaten many New Mexico high-quality waters and our way of life. I support Outstanding Waters (ONRW) designation for the Upper Pecos Watershed because it protects current and traditional uses of the river from pollution from new sources and I therefore urge the Water Quality Control Commission to grant the Pecos Outstanding Waters petition submitted by the group of concerned local businesses, government, and citizens whose lives and livelihoods depend on this vital river. Please protect the Upper Pecos watershed by voting to support the petition for ONRW designation. Thank you. We call on the Water Quality Control Commission to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed from Dalton Canyon upstream as an Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW). -- Ms. Jon Weaver jonsweaver@gmail.com

Response to I-71-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-72: Coleen Cunningham

Submit Date: 03/30/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-72-1

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Response to I-72-1

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I-73: Ira Arkhangelskaya

Submit Date: 04/03/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-73-1

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Response to I-73-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-74: Rushing Don

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-74-1

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Response to I-74-1

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I-75: Memphis Holland

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Comment I-75-1

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Response to I-75-1

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I-76: Mara Yarbrough

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-76-1

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Response to I-76-1

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I-77: Kathryn Cleary

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Response to I-77-1

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I-78: Sharon McNeil

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Comment I-78-1

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Response to I-78-1

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I-79: Ross Ulibarri

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-79-1

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Response to I-79-1

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I-80: Dolores Baca

Submit Date: 03/31/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-80-1

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Response to I-80-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-81: Amy Gonzales

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-81-1

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Response to I-81-1

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I-82: Moira Ohanlon

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-82-1

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Response to I-82-1

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I-83: Brigitte Davenport

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-83-1

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Response to I-83-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-84: John Pitlak

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-84-1

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Response to I-84-1

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I-85: Mathangi Mills Raghavan

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Response to I-85-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-86: Brad Houlihan

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-86-1

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Response to I-86-1

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I-87: Robert Lawrence

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Comment I-87-1

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Response to I-87-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-88: Sam Ellvinger

Submit Date: 03/29/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-88-1

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Response to I-88-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-89: Willilam Madison

Submit Date: 04/12/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-89-1

WQCC Administrator Pamela Jones, Dear New Mexico Water Quality Control Commissioners, My name is [william madison] and I am a FARMER from the los Trigos Acequia, and I support the petition to designate the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding Waters submitted by the New Mexico Acequia Association, Village of Pecos, San Miguel County, Upper Pecos Watershed Association, and Molino de la Isla Organics LLC. The waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed are the lifeblood of the region's numerous acequias, sustaining and enriching centuries-old farming and ranching traditions that depend upon clean water. The only thing sapiens must have to live is H2O . To jeopardize this precious would be more than shortsighted . Please THINK . Of particular concern is the impact climate change is having on our precious surface waters. New Mexico and the greater West have transitioned from periodic droughts to long-term aridification. Long-term aridification doesn't just result in reduced snowpack, stream flow, precipitation levels, and increased temperatures – it also results in degradation of our surface water quality. Safeguarding the lifeblood of our communities by designating the Upper Pecos watershed as Outstanding Waters is vital to sustaining our communities, culture, and traditional farming and ranching, as ONRW designation is a meaningful regulatory tool for mitigating climate change impacts. El agua es vida. Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments. Sincerely, William Madison homosapiens HC 72 Box 490 Ribera New Mexico 87560

Response to I-89-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-90: Gretel Follinstad

Submit Date: 04/03/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-90-1

Dear Commissioners, As a 5th generation native New Mexican and significant land owner (300 acres) on Cow Creek above the Village of Upper Colonies, I am writing on behalf of my family, to express firm opposition to the proposed redevelopment of the Cow Creek Ranch, by millionaire Gerald Peters. Mr. Peters is an aggressive real estate investor from Santa Fe, who owns and leases multiple downtown buildings for high rents in addition to being a long time art dealer and gallery owner. Peters' original development proposal was publicly opposed by Robert Redford in September 2021, calling it irresponsible and a modern day Milagro Beanfield War. We have been informed through the Upper Pecos Watershed Association (UPWA) that Peters' response to pair down the proposal in response to the Redford opposition, was short lived and now plans to re-submit a proposal for same development extent (see the UPWA email embedded below). In short, Peters shows zero concern for the health of Cow Creek, and

obviously little understanding of the long history of the stewardship of this important tributary to the Pecos watershed, by long time land owners like our family. The Upper Pecos Watershed depends upon a continued focus on river stewardship, especially in light of the current and ongoing mega drought across the West. Our family has seen Cow Creek go dry in severe drought years such as 2002 and 2012, and is witness to the steady decline in riparian health with increased algae in the stream bottom yearly; evidence of septic leaching and run off from existing houses on upper Cow Creek. The health of Cow Creek is fragile and additional development at Cow Creek Ranch will have even greater negative impacts on the water quality and quantity of this important cold water fishery, especially to downstream property owners who depend on this creek. Peters' development proposal for Cow Creek Ranch is also a direct threat to the Upper Pecos River Watershed and the Outstanding Waters (ONRW) protections work by Amigos Bravos to ensure the clean water of the Pecos is kept clean for future generations. This proposed development will impact the the riparian ecology, alluvial flow hydrology, surface water quality and quantity of the creek, and the general forest health of the area due to the hydrologic depletions. Increased development will pull water from this fragile system, and leave downstream, senior water rights holders with impaired surface waters and riparian ecosystems. Furthermore, the downstream land owners on the Cow Creek have not been directly notified of the Cow Creek Ranch development proposal. All downstream land owners have a right to know and oppose this proposal. New development, especially of this size will negatively impact the water quality and quantity for all downstream property and water rights owners on this small creek. We heard about this proposed development through the newspapers and the Upper Pecos Watershed Association newsletters, and we should have been notified directly. Upon knowledge of this proposal, I contacted Amanda Salas in November 2021 to voice our family's opposition to the development and asked to be notified of any changes and public hearings that pertained to Cow Creek Ranch. I have started actively alerting our neighbors (also multi-generational land owners and families) about this proposal, assuming they too had not yet learned of this threat. I urge your acute consideration of these concerns and adamantly encourage you to reject this proposal. This development does not serve the people of San Miguel county, it is yet another example of how the rich rob native livelihoods by buying up land and water in New Mexico. We don't need another development of second homes for rich people. We need viable and resilient rivers, streams and landscapes for the longterm livelihoods of the people of San Miguel County. Thank you for you consideration! I would like to be directly notified about the public meetings and hearings that take place surrounding the Cow Creek Ranch. Best, Gretel Follingstad, PhD Resilience Planning www.terra-planning.com gretelfollingstad@me.com

Response to I-90-1

No draft response has been entered.

I-788: Petition with 695

Submit Date: 04/08/2022 12:00 AM

Comment I-788-1

Response to I-788-1

No draft response has been entered.

O-2: Truchas Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Submit Date: 03/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment O-2-1

Dear Commissioners, On behalf of the Truchas Chapter of Trout Unlimited, I am writing to express our strong support for the petition to nominate the waters of the Upper Pecos Watershed as Outstanding National Resource Waters. These waters are incredibly important to our members who routinely fish the Pecos River and its tributaries and are committed to the preservation of its native and wild trout. It is our belief that approval of this petition will protect the clean water, native fish, and recreational values that are unique to this watershed. As a resource to many for centuries, first as the ancestral home of Native Americans and later with Spanish settlers, the Pecos Watershed delivers life-giving water to the farmers and residents of the region now known as San Miguel County. It has provided a living for those who have worked the land, harvested its timber and unearthed its minerals. Today along its course, it's home to a number of long-standing families as well as more recent residents who have been captivated by its beauty. Its waters, fish and aquatic life have weathered the wounds inflicted by mining and floods but, at great expense, have recovered remaining scarred but resilient. Lessons learned from these invasions have taught us of its fragility and the ongoing need for its protection, especially in a world increasingly impacted by climate change. Today as a recreational destination, it harbors an environment delivering spiritual and psychological restoration that also bolsters the local economy and can continue to do so for many years to come. As a voice representing the Truchas Chapter of Trout Unlimited, we believe the Pecos Watershed and all its supporting tributaries from the USFS Dalton Fishing/Day Use Area upstream to its source should be designated an Outstanding National Resource Waters, protected in perpetuity, and we support the petition to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission to designate it as such. Yours truly, John Hanasack Board President Truchas Chapter of Trout Unlimited Santa Fe,

Response to O-2-1

No draft response has been entered.

O-3: The PEW Charitable Trusts, Brett Swift

Submit Date: 03/07/2022 12:00 AM

Comment O-3-1

Dear Commissioners, I'm writing to convey The Pew Charitable Trusts' support for the petition to protect the Upper Pecos Watershed, from Dalton Canyon upstream to the Wilderness Boundary, as Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs). The petition was submitted by

San Miguel County, Village of Pecos, New Mexico Acequia Association, Molino de la Isla Organics, and Upper Pecos Watershed Association. Pew's U.S. Public Lands and Rivers Conservation project seeks to preserve ecologically and culturally significant public lands and rivers through legislative or administrative protections at the federal and state level. To accomplish these goals, we work closely with diverse stakeholders—such as local businesses, local governments, Indigenous Tribes, the outdoor recreation industry, travel and tourism organizations, veterans, sportsmen and women— to develop collaborative proposals that protect landscapes and local communities. The Pecos River Watershed extends from the north-central Sangre de Cristo Mountains and continues south and east before reaching the New Mexico-Texas state line at an elevation of approximately 3,000 feet. These waters are among New Mexico's most outstanding aquatic resources for people, plants, and wildlife alike. For centuries, the watershed has supported thriving ecosystems and communities. The Upper Pecos also sustains rich traditions of farming, ranching, and other traditional uses, all of which depend on clean water. The cold, clean waters of the Upper Pecos watershed, including the nominated streams and the ephemeral tributaries that feed these systems, are home to numerous species, including trout and special status plants, that contribute to the economic and ecological health of the state. Many of the streams serve as some of the last remaining refuges for New Mexico's native Rio Grande cutthroat trout. In addition, the 180 miles of streams included in this nomination provide a myriad of recreational opportunities including hiking, hunting, camping, and fishing. The Upper Pecos watershed is among New Mexico's best cold-water fisheries, and a stretch of the nominated area is designated as a state "Special Trout Waters". The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish angler data ranges from 83,000-140,000 angler days annually in San Miguel County, many of which are on the Pecos River. The communities downstream from the nominated reaches depend on the clean and clear flowing water of the Pecos to feed their acequias and water their livestock. Protecting the headwaters of the Pecos will ensure that these downstream users continue to receive clean water into the future. Thank you for your consideration of Pew's support for the designation of all 180 miles of nominated waters as ONRWs. Sincerely, Brett Swift Senior Manager,

Response to O-3-1

No draft response has been entered.

O-4: New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, Michael Sloan

Submit Date: 03/25/2022 12:00 AM

Comment O-4-1

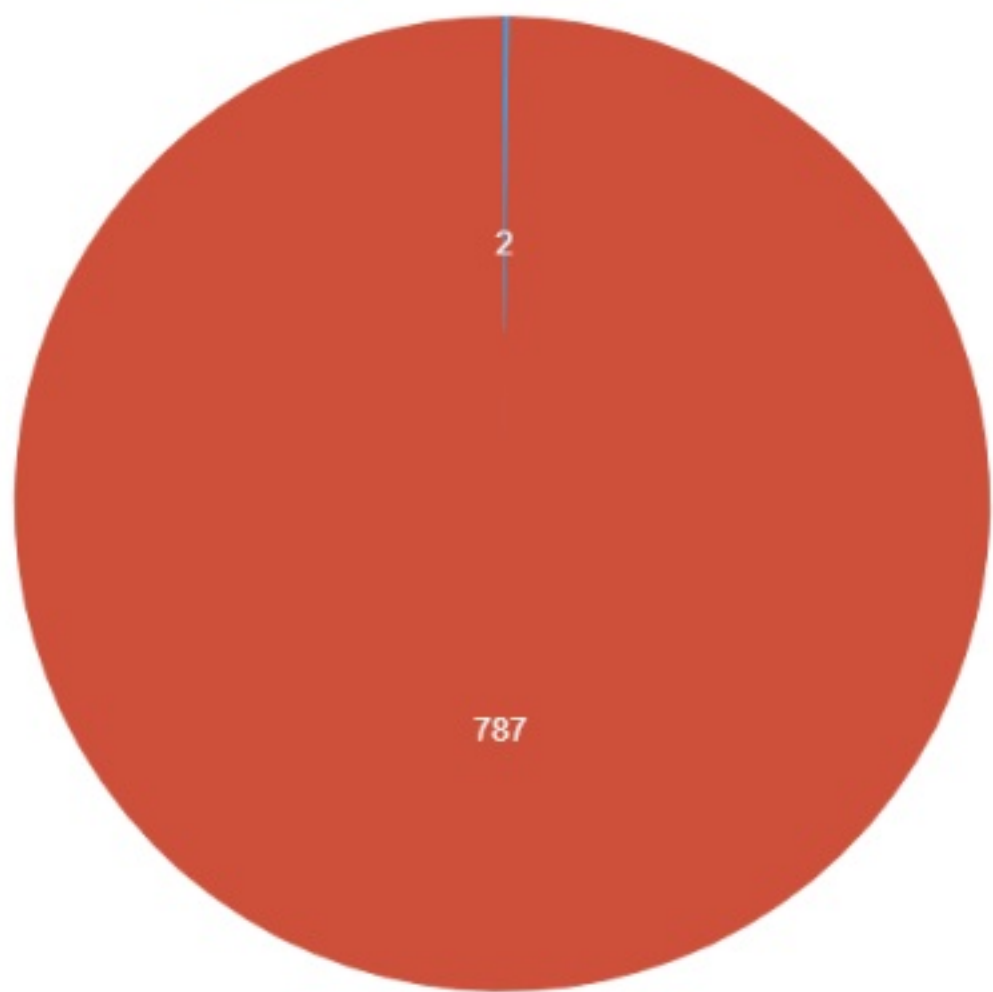
Dear Commissioners: The Department supports the petition, submitted by San Miguel County, Village of Pecos, New Mexico Acequia Association, Molino de la Isla Organics, and Upper Pecos Watershed Association, to protect the upper Pecos watershed, from Dalton Canyon upstream to the Wilderness Boundary, as an Outstanding National Resource Water. The upper Pecos watershed is home to some of the few remaining populations of New Mexico's native Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Additionally, these cold and clean waters are home to brown trout,

rainbow trout, and brook trout, making these waters excellent places for both fishing and recreating. The upper Pecos watershed is among New Mexico's best cold-water fisheries. Indeed, a stretch of the nominated area includes a State Game Commission designated "Special Trout Water". Department angler data estimates the days spent fishing ranges from 83,000-140,000 in San Miguel County, the majority of which are on the Pecos river. This data is suggestive of the unique qualities of the area and the need to protect these for generations to come. The fish and wildlife that inhabit the Upper Pecos watershed depend on clean water to survive and thrive. Protecting the water quality in these waters will be a benefit to the State and therefore the Department urges the Water Quality Control Commission to use its authority to designate these waters as Outstanding National Resource Waters. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important designation. Sincerely, Michael B. Sloane Director

Response to O-4-1

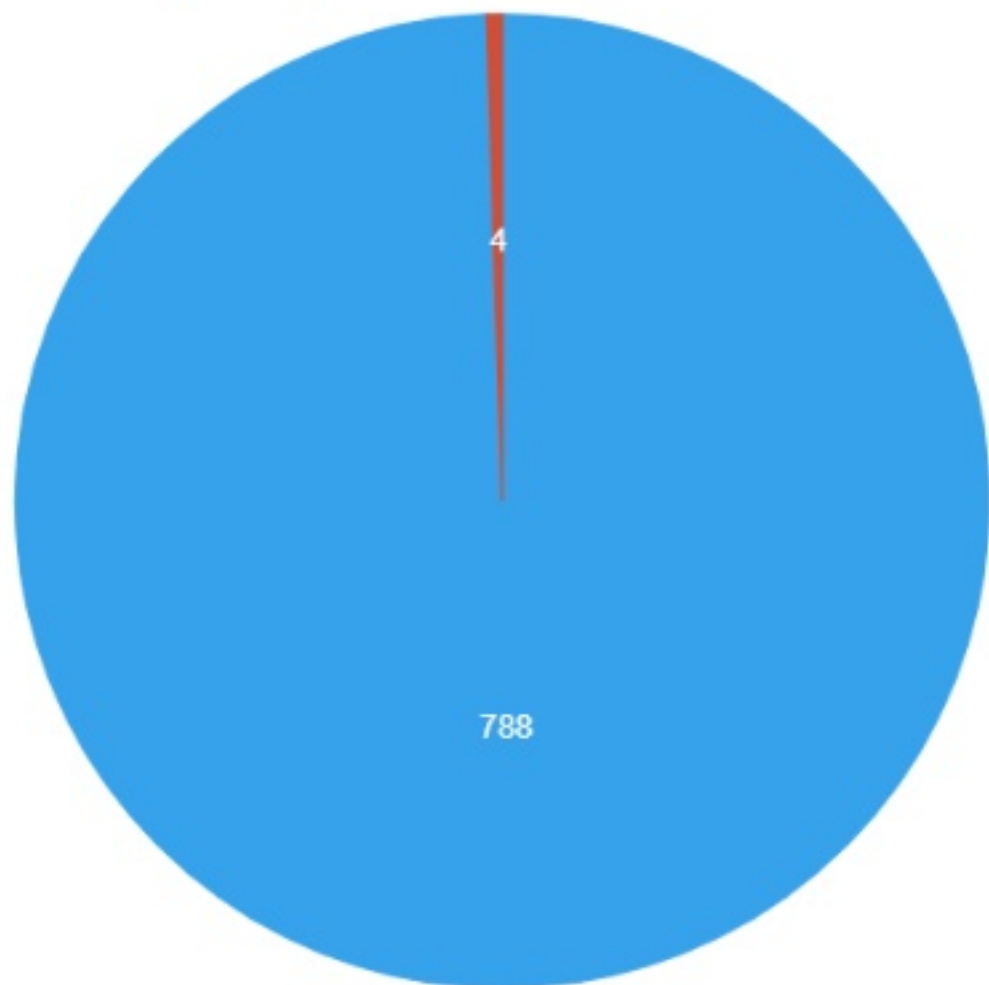
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