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I urge the Forest Service to deny Roca Honda's Plan of Operations

New Mexico has learned its lesson when it comes to uranium mining. Uranium mining has a record of contaminating groundwater. We need to protect our resources, especially our already scarce groundwater, for future generations.

I believe the DEIS is inadequate because:

- Uranium has a record of contaminating groundwater. We need to protect our resources, especially our already scarce groundwater, for future generations.
- New Mexico is home to hundreds of abandoned uranium mines, with thousands more on the Navajo Nation. These mines leak contaminants into groundwater, release radon into the air, and contribute to health problems of residents living in contaminated communities.
- Cumulative impacts to nearby communities are not being considered in the DEIS and impacts to people's health haven't been adequately studied
- The DEIS does not identify waste transportation routes for radioactive waste and dangerous by-products or which communities would be impacted

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