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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Rudy D. Perea, Chief Planner, at the Taos County Planning Department. After attending public meetings on the proposed plan to restore riparian areas within the Carson National Forest I have the following comments that I wish for your agency to consider:

- 1) As part of the required NEPA Study will there also be studies conducted within the riparian areas or within the Carson National Forest outside them with regards to any endangered species that reside there? I believe these types of studies are required in order to avoid the issue that arose with a federal judge in Arizona barring the use of Carson National Forest by Taos County Residents due to insufficient studies that were done related to the Mexican Spotted Owl. Many Taos County Residents, especially during the winter months, rely on Carson National Forest as a source of fire wood to heat their homes and it would be detrimental to them if this issue were to arise again in the future.
- 2) As part of the proposed Riparian Restoration Projects proposed for Carson National Forest are there going to be any hydrological studies done to determine the long term viability of riparian

areas and how private property which may be adjacent to these areas may adversely impact or enhance their long term viability?

Thank you for considering my comments and I look forward to working with your agency to enhance and protect the Carson National Forest for current and future generations. I would be grateful if I could also be put on your e-mail list so that I can attend any future meetings related to the Carson National Forest. My e-mail address is [rudy.perea@taoscounty.org](mailto:rudy.perea@taoscounty.org) or I can be reached by phone at (575) 737-6453.

Sincerely,

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