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Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic and Wetland Restoration Project Attn: Josh Hall, Natural Resource Staff Officer 11 Forest Lane Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508

Re: Tribal Consultation for the NNM RAWR

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you for contacting us regarding the Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic and Wetland Restoration Project. Having managed two headwater streams for many years, we understand the struggle to keep our water clean so that it can continue to benefit creatures from all walks of life. We have had our own challenges with regards to erosion, aquatic organism passage, maintaining wetland habitat, and others, and have concerns regarding the future of threatened species, water quality, and irrigation. Considering the Carson National Forest borders Taos Pueblo lands, we are very interested in collaborating with your office to ensure that Taos Pueblo and the Forest Service can work together to appropriately prioritize these projects and pay proper attention to any adverse effects, on the Pueblo or otherwise, resulting from their efforts.

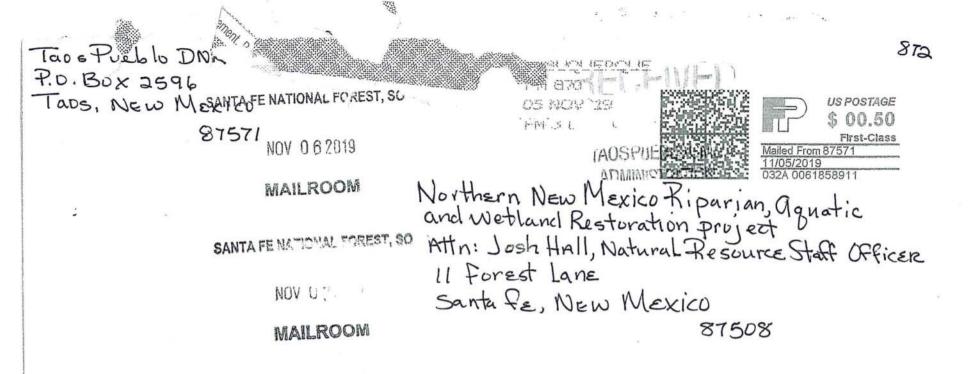
Thank you for your consideration in these proceedings. You can contact our Division of Natural Resources at 575-758-7410 if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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Honorable WarChief Bernard Lujan

CC: Cameron Martinez, Division Director



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