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James Simino, Columbine District Ranger P.O. Box 439, 367 Pearl Street Bayfield, CO 81122

RE: Southern HDs EA Comments

Dear District Ranger Simino,

Thank you for the recent email containing information on how to participate in the Southern HDs Landscape Restoration Project. Your letter did state that information was sent last fall about this federal undertaking. We would like to remind you that last fall our community, like many tribal nations were under Executive Health Orders including closures to mitigate for the Covid-19 virus.

The Pueblo of San Felipe has ties to the forest now under your management and we are requesting additional information about how cultural sites, archaeological sites and resources will be managed and protected in the course of this undertaking. We insist that the cultural sites, NAGPRA items and archaeological sites within the forest be managed in a way that protects both the integrity and the values of the sites, not merely treated as data.

We are requesting your staff to gather the information relevant to protection of cultural sites and resources in this undertaking and please send those to the San Felipe Pueblo Natural Resources Director at

We thank you for your communication and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Pueblo of San Felipe

Governor Anthony Ortiz

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