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To: Reviewing Official, Michiko Martin, Regional Forester

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Re: Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade Project (LANL EPCU)
Objections Based on NEW Information

Dear Reviewing Official, Michiko Martin, Regional Forester:

Why are we continuing to disrespect and plunder the sacred lands of Indigenous people? Caja del Rio is sacred and needs to be protected whether or not we agree with the expanded projects at Los Alamos. DOE/NNSA have failed to demonstrate the need for the 173 MW LANL EPCU Project to install new electrical line infrastructure to cross the Caja del Rio sacred area, the Rio Grande and the Pajarito Plateau.

The Foxtail Flats + BESS project is underway to deliver 170 MW of electricity to the Los Alamos Power Pool (LAPP) from the north along the existing PNM power lines used to bring San Juan Generating Station energy to LANL. DOE/NNSA omitted it from consideration as an alternative to the LANL EPCU Project, even thought it is a viable alternative under NEPA.

Choose the alternative that honors the request of Pueblo people.

Sincerely,

Sara Keeney, retired educator,