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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to object to the proposed Los Alamos EPCU in its current form. The Caja del Rio is an invaluable ecological, cultural and recreational resource, unique in its size and relatively unspoiled state, considering its proximity to the increasingly developed areas of Santa Fe. It has religious significance to the surrounding pueblos, all which have expressed their opposition to the project.

The EPCU proposal is written from one perspective, that of the National Laboratory, and with one objective, of meeting the Lab's needs at the lowest cost. But the Lab is not the only entity with a stake in the Caja, and has not convincingly made the case that its needs outweigh all others, or why other solutions cannot be implemented. For example, I have yet to see any proof to the claim that reconductoring, which can substantially increase the transmission capacity of existing power lines, is not practical in this situation.

The Caja is a place that is deserving of more protection, not less, and any proposal involving it should start from that basis.

Yours truly,
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