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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed uranium mining project by Roca Honda Resources, LLC near Jesus Mesa. This project proposal has not proactively taken into account its implications on cultural sites, groundwater quality, and the health of local communities. This uranium mine would discharge contaminated water back into the ground where it will affect hydrological systems connected to the water source for this site. The US Forest Service must address not only the environmental impacts but also the impacts this contamination has on the Mount Taylor Traditional Cultural Property that is sacred and home to many New Mexican communities. This project lacks adequate consultation with tribal communities that would be most affected and a longer comment period (at least 60 days) is needed for proper scientific review.

New Mexico has suffered a horrific history of public health issues, and contaminated water and soil from uranium mining. This history is bound to repeat if mining continues.

For the health of my community and this land, I strongly urge the Forest Service to reject the Plan of Operations to safeguard Mount Taylor and the Cibola National Forest.