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Hello.

After reviewing the proposed rule amendment from EMNRD, I wish for you to document my full support for these rule changes, as it pertains to NM's rare and endangered plants. New Mexico is home to several hundred native plants, many of which are important culturally. I read recently that we could lose 10-20% of these rare plants in the near future if nothing is done. I have watched idly while New Mexico loses rare and endemic plants and their habitat, most of which could be saved using common sense policies and management on public lands. Greed seems to be the biggest culprit on public lands. I feel the Endangered Species Act does not do enough to protect our native plant habitat in New Mexico, much of which is being replaced by invasive and non-native species.

Thank you for proposing these rules. I speak for many NM residents in saying that these rules are way overdue and must be signed into law as soon as possible.

Thank you

John Kendall and family. Residents of Farmington, NM