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Dear Ms Mason,

I am writing in support of strengthening rare plant protections in New Mexico.

Declining plant populations indicate that existing laws are not adequate.

Vital native plant communities underpin healthy ecosystems and the wildlife those ecosystems support and plants make up more than half of the endangered species in the US yet receive less than 5% of the funding for protection.

Federal laws offer only limited protections on federal lands, almost no protection otherwise.

To prevent extinctions, our laws need to mandate plant protection from damage or eradication in situ not only from removal. New Mexico laws need to protect the ecosystems where rare plants occur to be effective.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judith Phillips

Native Plant Society of New Mexico Albuquerque Chapter Board Member and concerned citizen

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