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PRESS ADVISORY
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Native Leaders and Greater Chaco Protectors Rally to Stop New Mexico Oil and Gas Sale
*Messages for Fracking Moratorium (Re)Delivered Across the State to
BLM and Congressional Leaders*

WHAT:

On March 8, 2018 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to hold an online auction of 4,344 acres of public lands near Chaco Culture National Historical Park for oil and gas leasing. BLM is currently amending its 2003 Resource Management Plan to finally account for the impacts of multi-stage fracking the Greater Chaco area, with projected completion in 2019, but in the meantime BLM continues to lease public land and approve over 400 new drilling permits without proper protections for the culture, communities, and climate of the Greater Chaco Landscape.

The week of the scheduled auction will see actions across the state highlighting the overwhelming and consistent public comments, administrative protests, and Tribal resolutions previously sent to the BLM in protest of continued oil and gas activity without proper analysis or meaningful tribal consultation. Impacted Navajo and Pueblo community members, joined by hundreds of allies will call on BLM officials and congressional leaders to cancel the March 8 online auction, protect public health, and respect the sovereignty of tribal nations in the current resource management planning process.

WHERE and WHEN:

Monday, March 5, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
BLM Farmington Field Office, 6251 College Blvd, Farmington, NM 87402
Focus on Navajo Nation and Navajo Chapter protests. Lunch will be provided.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Senators Udall, Heinrich and Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham's offices, 400 Gold Ave SW,
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Focus on Navajo, Pueblo protests, and tribal law.

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
BLM State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508
Focus on Tribal and public protests. More than 250,000 public comments to be delivered

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