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Mr. James Bober
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Dear Mr. Bober;

I am very concerned about the possible approval of the Triassic Park Waste Disposal Facility's application to build their dump east of Roswell. Even if the owners comply with every environmental requirement, I cannot see how this particular location can be approved. And from all I have read, full compliance is very questionable and impossible to enforce.

The Mescalero Sands area is such a unique and invaluable site that any threat to it is cause for New Mexicans to be alarmed. To cite just one example of its flora/fauna, the number of Lesser Prairie Chickens has declined steadily until this area has become one of the last strongholds. For the first time, no hunting season was allowed this year and every step is being taken to prevent or limit all other negative factors so that the Prairie Chicken will not disappear. Other flora and fauna that are unique to this area are just as important.

I am sure that you are coordinating your efforts with the BLM and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and I hope that another public hearing is on schedule since the first one held here was poorly publicized and many of us did not get to attend.

Sincerely,

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