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Dear Team,

I would like to commend the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture for recognizing the valuable and essential role of watersheds in the well being of this nation. Watershed protection should be the one of the prime foci of the land management agencies. Without clean water and ample water, which watershed protection brings, the well being of all Americans is threatened. This is especially true where I reside, in New Mexico. Here, the well being of not only our ecosystems and their biological communities are in collapse, but our economy is beginning to feel the results of ecological neglect.

I wholeheartedly support the goal of watershed protection and, while I feel that this policy is only a beginning, my hope is that the land management agencies will soon begin to actually work towards the protection of all watersheds. Currently, the lack of an inter-agency watershed policy is most detrimental to the watersheds and to all of the Americans that depend upon them.

Sincerely,

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