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## **MEDIA ADVISORY - MON. MAY 22**

### **Advocates Hold “End Sacrifice Zones” Actions and Letter Delivery at Bureau of Land Management Offices across the State**

**Santa Fe, NM --** Starting Monday, May 22, an intersectional coalition of climate and environmental justice advocates, Indigenous and faith leaders, business owners, and local environmental organizations will hold a week of planned actions at Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico field offices in Carlsbad, Las Cruces, and Albuquerque to deliver a letter signed by nearly 200 local and national groups, businesses, unions, and institutions calling on the agency to cancel its plans to sell-off over 10,000 acres of public and ancestral lands to the oil and gas industry. Denouncing the Biden administration's inaction to phase out fossil fuels and act on the climate crisis, these actions will culminate in a larger rally at the BLM New Mexico State office in Santa Fe on May 25, the day of BLM's planned oil and gas lease sale.

Since 2016, groups have been protesting lease sales in person at BLM offices in New Mexico and have submitted millions of public comments to the agency challenging oil and gas lease sales. Actions across the state will call on the BLM to phase out new oil and gas leasing, prioritize environmental justice, and end the era of fossil fuels. Recent findings by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change make clear that the window for addressing disastrous climate impacts is rapidly narrowing and opening up more lands for oil and gas drilling will exacerbate the threats to public health, air, and water that communities already face.

Visuals at the Santa Fe rally will include banners with messaging to end sacrifice zones and fossil fuels, a large banner available for rally attendees to write what it means to transition away from fossil fuels, and giant puppets. There will be speakers, musicians, art-making, and take action tables.

**WHAT:** Rally to End Sacrifice Zones & Letter Delivery at Bureau of Land Management

**WHO:** Representatives from the Greater Chaco coalition and Permian Basin Climate Justice Coalition, Citizens Caring for the Future, Center for Biological Diversity, New Mexico Climate Justice, Pueblo Action Alliance, Sierra Club, WildEarth Guardians, Western Environmental Law Center

**WHEN:**

Sunday, May 21 - Farmington

Monday, May 22nd - Carlsbad

Wednesday, May 24th - Las Cruces

Wednesday, May 24th - Albuquerque

Thursday, May 25th at 12pm-1PM MT - Santa Fe

**WHERE:** Bureau of Land Management field offices in Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Albuquerque, and the New Mexico State office in Santa Fe at 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508

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