From: Patty Mann

To: Mason, Wendy, EMNRD

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ammendment of rule 19.21.2 NMAC, Endangered Plant Species List and Collection Permits

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To: Wendy Mason, EMNRD, Forestry Division 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

From Patricia L. Mann RN, MSN Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508

Re:The State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division hereby gives notice of the following proposed rulemaking. EMNRD proposes to amend its rule, 19.21.2 NMAC, Endangered Plant Species List and Collection Permits

Dear Ms. Mason,

I support EMNRD ammending rule 19.21.2 NMAC, Endangered Plant Species List and Collection Permits

I have been a volunteer with the Cactus Rescue Project in Santa Fe for the past 5 1/2 years. I am happy that the endangered cactus species called the "Santa Fe Cholla" has been preserved.

I support preserving any endangered plant or animal species.

I support adding the endangered American Harts-tongue fern to the list of state endangered plant species, as stated below:

"EMNRD proposes to add American Hart's-tongue fern as it was discovered at the El Malpais National Monument in 2020 and its identity was recently verified by various species specialists. The fern is a federally listed threatened species previously not known to occur in New Mexico, but it is now known to occur at one site containing 66 individuals. As a result, this plant must be included on the state endangered plant list as required by NMSA 1978, Section 75-6-1 because it federally listed under the Endangered Species Act".

The proposed amendment is a long overdue and unique opportunity to recognize the significance and critical importance of endangered species and assure their protection and permanence.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Patricia L. Mann RN, MSN Santa Fe