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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to 19.21.2 NMAC Threatened & Endangered Plants.

There appears to be little if any comment from the numerous tribes and pueblos throughout the state.

There has been no outreach to the agricultural community that manages the vast majority of the lands in New Mexico and to whom this rule is directed to.

Further complicating the ability of anyone without prior knowledge to comment is finding the documents on the Forestry Division's website. Rulemakings do not appear to reach the level of importance to be anything more than a meeting and are listed only as meetings.

It is patently unfair to create and impose a rule with penalties "of not less than \$300, nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 120 days or both" without thorough notification of all of those impacted.

For these reasons, **I** respectfully request at least a 60-day extension to the comment period so landowners and land stewards across the state have the opportunity to participate in their future.

Sincerely, Trent Bigrope Albuquerque NM