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Mr. Ernie Bush
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Aztec, NM 87410

Dear Mr. Bush:

This letter is written in regards to the placement of the Phillips Petroleum Basin Fruitland Coal Gas well, #236, in the San Juan 32-7 Unit, T. 32 N., R. 7 W., Section 28: SW $\frac{1}{4}$, lease number SF-078542. An acceptable orthodox location was not found because of numerous topographical constraints, and disturbance to critical big-game wildlife habitat.

To eliminate the destruction of a stand of old growth trees critical to big game and lessen the impact to the topography of the area it is the recommendation of the Bureau of Land Management that this well be approved in an unorthodox location. It is our proposal to locate the well 870 FSL, 2008FWL, Section 28, T32N R7W.

Sincerely,

for Ilyse K. Gold, Chief
Section of Lands Cultural
and Environmental

cc:Phillips Petroleum Company, G. Bearden