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As a concerned San Juan County resident and directly related to the oil field, I am very concerned about the Richardson sponsored pit regulations.

Lets go back 30 years ago, Spotted Owl Scare. My aunt retired in Oregon and was there when this "SOS" came out and shoved down the throats of anybody in the timber industry. She said the heartache and problems forced on hardworking people of this industry was beyond belief. Entire communities went down. Grocery stores, truck drivers, barbers, trucking industries and worst of all, it affected the families, i.e. divorces, suicides, broken homes. Was this all for the spotted owl or was it a bunch of tree huggers personal agenda??

I see the same scenario taking place if this rule goes into effect. How is the state planning on paying the teachers, build new schools, all other aspects of a good economy that the Oil and Gas Industry gives New Mexico.

I urge everyone involved in this decision to use common sense. This pit rule sucks!!

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