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U.S. Department of the Interior  
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to respectfully ask that you deny Saddle Butte LLC's permit for the Pinion Pipeline. This pipeline will forever change, and in some cases decimate lands owned by the Navajos, private owners and the state and federal government. As important, it will mean thousands of new oil wells at a time when the price of oil has plummeted and climate change threats have increased dramatically.

As a drought rages in the southwest, this project would contaminate millions of gallons of groundwater. Where is the logic here? In addition it will damage important archeological sites and impact negatively the recreation economy.

If you grant this permit to Saddle Butte for their Pinion Pipeline, you will be complicit in quadrupling oil output with related increases in greenhouse gas emissions. Where is the logic in this at a time when the disruption of climate is wreaking havoc on humans and economies the world over?

To approve a permit for this Denver-based extractive company would be further egregious because you have:

1. Not conducted an environmental-impact study to determine the long-term climate consequences of this pipeline and increased extraction in this area, as required under recently published guidelines from the Council on Environmental Quality;
2. Considered a health-impact assessment from the proposed pipeline; or
3. Considered an economic-impact study of a pipeline on the present economy.

Some of the most unique places on earth such as the Chaco National Historical Park, it's connected roads and outlier sites will be permanently altered because of this unnecessary oil development and the transportation thereof. How do you put a price on the cultural value of this region in New Mexico or the damage to public health, water and even sacred sites in nearby communities? The public good should carry more weight than a private company's bottom line.

Please reduce oil impacts in this important area and deny the Piñon Pipeline

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Redford", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Redford