

June 27, 2011

Joel E. Farrell  
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Dear Mr. Farrell,

Thank you for providing us with a copy of your April 22, 2011, letter to Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director of the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. As you are aware, our organizations are consulting parties on actions that may adversely affect Chaco Culture National Historical Park and its detached outliers. In your letter you indicate that you intend to offer a parcel for lease that is “approximately five miles north of Pueblo Pintado, a detached unit of Chaco Culture National Historical Park (CCNHP).” You also state that the same parcel was previously withdrawn at Hopi request in a June 30, 2010, letter to Mr. Farrell. Our review of the Hopi letter of June 30, 2010, indicates that the parcel is in fact within five miles of Pueblo Pintado. At our May 17, 2010, meeting with BLM staff, the consulting parties and representatives from the Pueblo of Acoma and the Hopi Tribe concurred that, in addition to the five mile consultation Area of Potential Effect around the Park, the detached park units should be included in the consultation APE. Therefore, we respectfully request that the parcel be withdrawn from the October 2011 lease sale. We also request that our organizations be provided with detailed maps of all leasing nominations that may affect CCNHP or its outliers.

It is our hope that the BLM will meet with us soon and continue to work with us and the other parties to develop a plan that will preserve the landscape around Chaco Culture National Historical Park and its detached outliers.

Sincerely,

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