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It is truly disappointing that Roper continues this quixotic attempt to destroy the Alto area. There is simply no call to locate a concrete batch plant in this bucolic environment. It is not as if there are no rural sites away from the residential areas and the national forest where this plant could be located. I think about citizens like my wife. She had asthma growing up and suffered a collapsed lung during the birth of our third child and still has breathing challenges to this day. Being subject to the inevitable dust emissions from the plant would be a major negative for her being able to enjoy any outside activities. She is not alone. Everyone on both sides realizes that the citizenry will suffer from air pollution from the plant.

And it not just the human populace who will suffer from these emissions. One of the reasons people live in this area is exposure to NM wildlife. There are wild horses, elk, mule deer, wild turkeys, bears, ravens, and many more that will also suffer from this air pollution. Is NM now becoming an anti-wildlife state?

Dust emissions will also have a likely negative impact on the flora of the area. Much of NM is desert. The Lincoln National Forest is one of the prettiest areas in NM. Why destroy it?

This area is filled with amenities enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. Ski Apache, Alto Lake, golf courses, hike and bike trails, etc. Yet, this plant will drive away locals and tourists alike. Who wants to come to a place where they are going to suffer long term lung damage?

The number of trucks rumbling in and out of the plant all day will cause choking traffic and extreme noise pollution. Is it good government to allow one property owner to destroy the enjoyment of all of the other property owners?

It would be a very sad day for the State of New Mexico for this concrete batch plant to be built at this location. It would represent a failure of government and a failure of the process. If this damage is allowed to occur, it would take decades to reverse. This is the time for government to do the right thing and make sure the concrete batch plant is not permitted to go forward in Alto.