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To: Erin Nelson; Ann Leppanen; 'Amanda Podmore'
Cc: Jared Berrett
Subject: Bluff Dwellings lease application to SITLA for expansion (RDCC Notification #85360)

If SITLA approves this lease and Bluff Dwellings proceeds with the expansion, approval of its building plans will rest with the town and not with San Juan County. The sandstone cliff above Bluff Dwellings has huge columns of sandstone that are separated from the adjacent rock mass by large cracks, into which runoff from the slickrock top of the cliff flows freely; also many boulders on the adjacent valley floor indicate past rockfall. The county did not require a geologic hazard study when it approved the existing Bluff Dwellings development. In my opinion, the town should require that the developers submit a geologic hazard study by a licensed geological engineer or engineering geologist along with its plans to develop the proposed lease area. Development plans should take into account the recommendations in the hazard study.

Sincerely,
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