

Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office  
1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502-7147  
Re: Protest of BLM Nevada's December 17th 2019 Oil and Gas Lease Sale  
To: Ms. Kemba Anderson, Branch Chief for Fluid Mineral Resources

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Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office  
1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502-7147  
Re: Protest of BLM Nevada's December 17th 2019 Oil and Gas Lease Sale  
To: Ms. Kemba Anderson, Branch Chief for Fluid Mineral Resources

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I most strongly object to the leasing of 468,815 acres of Nevada's public lands in the December oil lease sale. These spectacular public lands are not appropriate for oil and gas leasing or development. These parcels threaten Nevada's most popular tourist destinations like Great Basin National Park and waters upon which Southern Nevada relies. The lands and waterways being targeted for the December lease sale are all in critical habitat for endangered and threatened species like the, Desert Bighorn, Moapa Dace, Meadow Valley Wash desert sucker, and Meadow Valley Wash speckled dace, Desert Tortoise, and all kinds of Migratory Birds including Southwest Willow Flycatcher and Yellow Billed Cuckoo. The December sale threatens established US Fish and Wildlife Service habitat of the threatened desert tortoise species near the East Mormon Mountains and Mormon Mountains Wilderness. Aquatic species here and throughout the proposed leasing areas are particularly sensitive to disturbances in hydrological resources.

The December sale also flies in the face of the Department of Interior's Secretarial Order 3362, which prioritizes the protection of migration corridors, by offering for lease hundreds of parcels within these clearly identified priority migratory corridors. For these reasons alone, the December sale is unacceptable and it is imperative that it be stopped.

Much of the December lease sale overlaps with established Areas of Critical Environmental Concern under the 2008 Ely District Regional Management Plan (RMP) that would be forever disturbed should the parcels being leased move forward with development. The Ely RMP states that "The Lower Meadow Valley Wash is an 80 mile perennial stream stretch of the historic Meadow Valley Wash. The Lower Meadow Valley Wash begins 2 miles east of Barclay Nevada near the Utah/Nevada State Line, at the Big Springs in the Clover Creek drainage. It then flows west-by northwest through Caliente and then south through Elgin, Carp, and Rox Nevada towards the Lincoln Clark County Line and includes the perennial inflows of Ash and Pine Creek from the Clover Mountains. The Lower Meadow Valley wash feeds into the Muddy River and Virgin River drainage of the Lower Colorado River System. The Meadow Valley Wash hosts a plethora of federally endangered, threatened, and candidate species, as well as Nevada State protected species and BLM Sensitive species."

Also under the Ely District's RMP there are established area that are subject to no leasing of any kind that are being made available to leasing for the December lease sale. There are parcels overlapping Kane Springs Road which under the Ely RMP is supposed to be totally off limits to leasing. There are parcels overlapping East Pass Road and Sam's Camp Road next to the Clover Mountains Wilderness and in the Tule Desert which are also roads that are off limits to oil and gas development as per the Ely District RMP. And finally there are parcels along the US 93 where there is another group of parcels overlapping lands that are off limits to leasing and should be removed from the December Lease Sale.

Even beyond these technical reasons the parcels being offered ion the December lease sale would affect the Lower Virgin River Basin, the Meadow Valley Wash, the Muddy River, all of which drain into Lake Mead the primary water source for Southern Nevada. We saw the Nevada Bureau of Land Management remove over 100,000 acres of land that would have been otherwise offered due to the communities of Mesquite, The Moapa Band of Paiutes, Henderson, Clark County and their public officials speaking up against the November lease sale because of even the potential impacts to these water basins. The lands being offered in December all harbor the same issues and should for these reasons should also be removed.

Furthermore, Nevada has a robust outdoor economy that generates \$12.6 billion in consumer spending annually. Meanwhile, our oil and gas sales generate paltry sums in comparison. The Elko County Commission released a study showing that "in Elko County 2006 through 2008 outdoor recreation generated an average of \$165 million annually in outdoor recreational uses through commercial retail sales, services, lodging and personal income." And "the personal income received by Elko County residents directly from employment in those businesses averaged over \$40 million." No doubt those numbers have only grown in the 10 years since then. Another study by the National Park Service shows that "153,000 visitors to Great Basin National Park in 2018 spent \$8.8 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 121 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$9.0 million." In the past two years, Nevada's BLM has offered a little over 1.5 million acres in oil and gas sales but has only sold 10% of those acres; 85% at the minimum bid of \$2 an acre. Oil and gas leasing has generated a little over \$400,000 from lease sale. In two years. This is NOT a good return on our investment.

There are parcels surrounding Great Basin National park that would have impacts on tourism to the park. Also in the area surrounding Great Basin National Park are in an area of Rocky Mountain Junipers know to the Western Shoshone and Goshute Peoples as Swamp Cedars (Bahsahwahbee). These lands are known to contain traditional and ceremonial uses combined with traditional gathering and collection locations for Shoshone Peoples. The region contains abundant ecological resources and significant places that are crucial in the continuity of Shoshone culture, religion and society. Both the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation and the Moapa Band of Paiutes have spoken out against these lease sales and their concerns should be taken into account and the parcels on their traditional ancestral lands should be removed.

The impact of gas and oil development on atmospheric warming and extreme weather events is even more frightening than the impacts to Nevada's water resources, wildlife and outdoor economy. Nevada has massive energy resources that do not contribute to atmospheric warming and extreme weather. In appropriate siting and management, Nevada's solar; wind and geothermal energy resources should be developed instead of any gas and oil.

This enormous lease, this egregious and unmitigatable impact to Nevada's lands, waters and wildlife, the life-threatening boost to global warming must not happen.

Sincerely, (See reverse side for signature and parcel numbers)

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My protest applies to the following Parcel numbers, which is a list of all the parcels to be offered on December 17th 2019 lease sale

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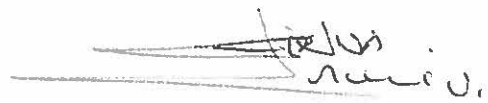
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Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office  
1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502-7147  
Re: Protest of BLM Nevada's December 17th 2019 Oil and Gas Lease Sale  
To: Ms. Kamba Anderson, Branch Chief for Fluid Mineral Resources

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I most strongly object to the leasing of 468,815 acres of Nevada's public lands in the December oil lease sale. These spectacular public lands are not appropriate for oil and gas leasing or development. These parcels threaten Nevada's most popular tourist destinations like Great Basin National Park and waters upon which Southern Nevada relies. The lands and waterways being targeted for the December lease sale are all in critical habitat for endangered and threatened species like the, Desert Bighorn, Moapa Dace, Meadow Valley Wash desert sucker, and Meadow Valley Wash speckled dace, Desert Tortoise, and all kinds of Migratory Birds including Southwest Willow Flycatcher and Yellow Billed Cuckoo. The December sale threatens established US Fish and Wildlife Service habitat of the threatened desert tortoise species near the East Mormon Mountains and Mormon Mountains Wilderness. Aquatic species here and throughout the proposed leasing areas are particularly sensitive to disturbances in hydrological resources.

The December sale also flies in the face of the Department of Interior's Secretarial Order 3362, which prioritizes the protection of migration corridors, by offering for lease hundreds of parcels within these clearly identified priority migratory corridors. For these reasons alone, the December sale is unacceptable and it is imperative that it be stopped.

Much of the December lease sale overlaps with established Areas of Critical Environmental Concern under the 2008 Ely District Regional Management Plan (RMP) that would be forever disturbed should the parcels being leased move forward with development. The Ely RMP states that "The Lower Meadow Valley Wash is an 80 mile perennial stream stretch of the historic Meadow Valley Wash. The Lower Meadow Valley Wash begins 2 miles east of Barclay Nevada near the Utah/Nevada State Line, at the Big Springs in the Clover Creek drainage. It then flows west-by northwest through Caliente and then south through Elgin, Carp, and Rox Nevada towards the Lincoln Clark County Line and includes the perennial inflows of Ash and Pine Creek from the Clover Mountains. The Lower Meadow Valley wash feeds into the Muddy River and Virgin River drainage of the Lower Colorado River System. The Meadow Valley Wash hosts a plethora of federally endangered, threatened, and candidate species, as well as Nevada State protected species and BLM Sensitive species."

Also under the Ely District's RMP there are established area that are subject to no leasing of any kind that are being made available to leasing for the December lease sale. There are parcels overlapping Kane Springs Road which under the Ely RMP is supposed to be totally off limits to leasing. There are parcels overlapping East Pass Road and Sam's Camp Road next to the Clover Mountains Wilderness and in the Tule Desert which are also roads that are off limits to oil and gas development as per the Ely District RMP. And finally there are parcels along the US 93 where there is another group of parcels overlapping lands that are off limits to leasing and should be removed from the December Lease Sale.

Even beyond these technical reasons the parcels being offered ion the December lease sale would affect the Lower Virgin River Basin, the Meadow Valley Wash, the Muddy River, all of which drain into Lake Mead the primary water source for Southern Nevada. We saw the Nevada Bureau of Land Management remove over 100,000 acres of land that would have been otherwise offered due to the communities of Mesquite, The Moapa Band of Paiutes, Henderson, Clark County and their public officials speaking up against the November lease sale because of even the potential impacts to these water basins. The lands being offered in December all harbor the same issues and should for these reasons should also be removed.

Furthermore, Nevada has a robust outdoor economy that generates \$12.6 billion in consumer spending annually. Meanwhile, our oil and gas sales generate paltry sums in comparison. The Elko County Commission released a study showing that "in Elko County 2006 through 2008 outdoor recreation generated an average of \$165 million annually in outdoor recreational uses through commercial retail sales, services, lodging and personal income." And "the personal income received by Elko County residents directly from employment in those businesses averaged over \$40 million." No doubt those numbers have only grown in the 10 years since then. Another study by the National Park Service shows that "153,000 visitors to Great Basin National Park in 2018 spent \$8.8 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 121 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$9.0 million." In the past two years, Nevada's BLM has offered a little over 1.5 million acres in oil and gas sales but has only sold 10% of those acres; 85% at the minimum bid of \$2 an acre. Oil and gas leasing has generated a little over \$400,000 from lease sale. In two years. This is NOT a good return on our investment.

There are parcels surrounding Great Basin National park that would have impacts on tourism to the park. Also in the area surrounding Great Basin National Park are in an area of Rocky Mountain Junipers know to the Western Shoshone and Goshute Peoples as Swamp Cedars (Bahsahwahbee). These lands are known to contain traditional and ceremonial uses combined with traditional gathering and collection locations for Shoshone Peoples. The region contains abundant ecological resources and significant places that are crucial in the continuity of Shoshone culture, religion and society. Both the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation and the Moapa Band of Paiutes have spoken out against these lease sales and their concerns should be taken into account and the parcels on their traditional ancestral lands should be removed.

The impact of gas and oil development on atmospheric warming and extreme weather events is even more frightening than the impacts to Nevada's water resources, wildlife and outdoor economy. Nevada has massive energy resources that do not contribute to atmospheric warming and extreme weather. In appropriate siting and management, Nevada's solar; wind and geothermal energy resources should be developed instead of any gas and oil.

This enormous lease, this egregious and unmitigatable impact to Nevada's lands, waters and wildlife, the life-threatening boost to global warming must not happen.

Sincerely, (See reverse side for signature and parcel numbers)

(Physical Signature and date):

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My protest applies to the following Parcel numbers, which is a list of all the parcels to be offered on December 17th 2019 lease sale

Number of Parcels - 272 and Total Acreage - 468,815

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