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TO: U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
ATTN: Ms. Becky Hunt, Natural Resource Specialist
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

FR: Samuel Sage, Community Services Coordinator
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Dear Ms Hunt

This letter is in regards to 3 parcels for lease in the Counselor Chapter area presumed to be: NM-201307-039, NM-201307-040, NM-201307-041. The protest is that the Navajo chapter Government (Counselor) is currently in discussion with the BLM Farmington Field Office in regards to grievances brought forward by the Chapter population in due to Oil & Gas Exploration/ Extraction occurring within the chapter's boundaries. As a result, the chapter cannot be adequately consulted while these ongoing meetings are occurring.

As a result, this letter is requesting that the lease sale of these sites be delayed until a time when discussion have been completed and the chapter government can formulate a proper response to ensure adequate consultation. Since, the remaining parcels which have been left off of the lease sale are also being delayed due to tribal consultation, the discussed leases should also be delayed for the same purpose to ensure proper consultation.

Respectfully,


Samuel Sage, Community Services Coordinator

5-17-13
Date