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SENT VIA FAX: (505) 954-2010

Re: Town of Cross Roads, Texas, Protest Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §3120.1-3 of the Proposed Auction by the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") of Parcel NM- 201604-043, being 258.90 Acres Located in Denton County, Texas (Lewisville Lake)

Dear Ms. Leuders and Ms. Serrano:

The Town Council of the Town of Cross Roads met in regular session on February 15, 2016 and voted unanimously to write a letter of protest in regards to the proposed auction of mineral rights around and under Lake Lewisville. The auction of rights and the use of this land for oil and gas exploration and drilling would not be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare.

The Town believes that the environmental study presented by the BLM does not cover all of the concerns regarding Lake Lewisville and that many items were not addressed- including but not limited to, the integrity of the dam and potential water contamination.

Recent press coverage of the Lake Lewisville dam has brought to light deficiencies in the integrity of the dam, deficiencies the Town believes could be exacerbated by the effects of fracking therefore endangering millions of North Texans in regards to water sources and flooding.

The Town Council also believes the risks of fracking beneath Lake Lewisville could cause potential contamination of drinking water.

In addition to the above concerns regarding the dam and potential contamination, the Town would also like to see the BLM take into consideration the high water levels that have eroded our shore lines, the zebra mussels, and additional pollutants caused by increased use of our lake. Please understand that we do not need or want additional potential environmental contamination and concerns. We believe that a more thorough environmental study would support our stance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steve Smith', written over a horizontal line.

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