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RE: *Proposed auction of BLM property near Lake Lewisville in Texas*

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a resident of Highland Village in Denton County, Texas, and am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposal to auction U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property on Lewisville Lake by the BLM for the purpose of natural gas drilling.

There are multiple reasons for my opposition to this proposed action, including the following:

- 1) It has been established that Lewisville Dam on Lake Lewisville is weak and at risk of failure in view of heavy rains in recent years. The potential for downstream flooding in neighboring cities is high, and in fact could potentially threaten the Dallas metroplex,
- 2) While there are mixed views of the risk of earthquakes associated with natural gas drilling and the associated drilling and filling of underground wells with wastewater, evidence is mounting that this association is more than correlational and reflects a genuine threat to the environment and lives, as earthquakes have increased dramatically in drilling areas,
- 3) Lewisville Lake is a major water source for drinking water as well as recreation, and underground well shafts and waste by-products of drilling around and under the lake would pose a significant health risk to local communities, and
- 4) news of this potential sale and land use plan was only recently released to the public and to local cities, and time needs to be allowed for a full discussion of this proposal with our appropriate officials and affected citizens.

A much better use of the land would be for protected park land development, but regardless, the potential sale of this natural open space area for the natural gas business should not be considered, and I am one of many local residents and municipalities opposed to this use of land.

Sincerely,



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