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Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

RE: WITHDRAW LEWISVILLE LAKE ACREAGE FROM APRIL AUCTION

To whom it may concern:

I live in Hickory Creek, in a small community called Harbor Grove situated on the northwestern edge of Lake Lewisville. I want formally request that you remove the 259 acre area on the NW side of Lewisville Lake from the auction scheduled for April 20, 2016. This action would allow oil and gas companies to commence hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations on public lands on the northwest side of Lake Lewisville in Denton County, Texas.

For many reasons, I protest the sale of a ten year lease to oil and gas companies to drill fracking sites near my home. My community draws clean, safe water from 3000 feet down in the Trinity Aquifer. Regardless of the oil and gas company assertions, the chances of contamination of that aquifer seem very real. In addition, recent literature contradicts old studies by the oil and gas companies concerning how harmless fracking is. Please keep this from my front door.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Benson", followed by a horizontal line.

Daniel J. Benson

cc: File