



## Facsimile Transmittal

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Re: Parcel NM-201604-043

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Town of Hickory Creek, 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 adjacent to, and under, Lewisville Lake in Denton County, Texas (Lewisville Lake)



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Dear Ms. Leuders:

This letter is to express the concern of the Town Council of the Town of Hickory Creek, TX related to the pending auction by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the referenced federal property adjacent to, and under, Lewisville Lake for oil and gas production. Our Town, like the majority of the other communities in Denton County, Texas depends on the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) for water supply - and, Lewisville Lake is a primary water source for UTRWD. Safeguarding this critical water supply is essential for our community. The proposed auction of this land adjacent to Lewisville Lake may generate some extra revenue for the U.S. Treasury; however, gaining revenue may not be a compelling reason to increase the potential for pollution from oil and gas waste products and / or hazardous components resulting from the proposed operation.

A review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) performed by the BLM identifies numerous risks to drinking water supplies that would result from the proposed auction of the Lewisville Lake property. The most significant are:

- Increased surface runoff and off-site sedimentation brought about by soil disturbance,

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- Increased salt loading and water quality impairment of surface water and
- Contamination of surface water by produced water.

Considering that these environmental risks (alone) to surface water supplies could result from the auction of lands adjacent to Lewisville Lake, it seems to be in the public interest of local communities for BLM not to go forward with this proposed action.

Accordingly, the Town of Hickory Creek, through a vote taken by its Town Council, formally requests that the referenced Parcel located adjacent to Lewisville Lake be withdrawn from BLM's April 20, 2016 auction. We are aware of the formal protest of the Dallas Water Utilities and of the City of Highland Village, Texas requesting a similar withdrawal; and, we are in full support of the respective protests sent to the BLM by Dallas Water Utilities and by the City of Highland Village.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call at 940-497-2528.

Sincerely,

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