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February 8, 2016

Dear Sir:

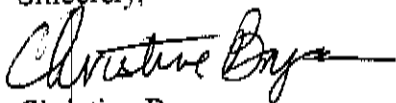
I have recently become aware of the Bureau of Land Management's decision to auction off property on the shores of Lake Lewisville in Lewisville, Texas to oil and gas operators for the purpose of fracking.

I believe this to be a very dangerous decision. In light of the far too numerous problems that occur with this type of drilling, and being in such close proximity to Dallas and North Texas's primary water source, I am asking the BLM to reverse the decision to auction the mineral right to drilling operators.

In light of the disasters that have occurred in recent years: the Gulf oil spill, the ongoing methane leak in California, lead contaminated water in Detroit, and increases in earth quakes in Texas and Oklahoma, it is clearly time to rethink a decision of this nature. Fracking near Lake Lewisville could have irrevocable consequences for millions of people in North Texas if there is only one mistake made or shortcut taken in this process. There is no room for error, and there is absolutely no way the BLM can guarantee that drilling would be done safely. Additionally, fracking is not subject to the Clean Water Act or the Clean Air Act. Drilling companies do not have to comply with these exacting standards, leading to many disastrous consequences for humans and our environment. There is far too much at stake to risk the contamination of the lake's water to even consider auctioning of the mineral rights to oil and gas operators.

It is the BLM's duty to manage this land for the citizen's of this country, not for the profits of the oil and gas industry. Please reconsider this decision and do not auction this land which is crucial to humans, wildlife and our environment.

Sincerely,


Christine Bryan

To: Amy Lueders

From: Christine Bryan

RE: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Two pages to follow

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Amy Lueders
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February 15, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Lueders:

I am filing this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) planned April 20, 2016 oil and gas lease sale and Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-040-2015-61-EA, pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3.

I formally protest the inclusion of the following parcel, NM- 201603-43, covering a total of 258.9 acres. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself. My name is Christine Bryan and I live at 916Anderson Street, Denton, TX 76201, and I can be reached at 940-367-3561. My email is cbryan456@ymail.com.

As a resident and property owner in Denton, I have a personal interest and many concerns about the BLM's plans for the oil and gas lease sale of the property described above because it is in such close proximity to the main drinking water source for more than one million people in north Texas. I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property for the following reasons:

1. Denton, like many other communities that surround the lake, obtains its drinking water from Lake Lewisville and public water wells near the lake. My concern is that our drinking water could be irreversibly contaminated by the runoff of fracking fluids from well sites. There is also the possibility of our aquifers being contaminated by the migration of chemicals from drilling sites, the likelihood of another irreversible situation.
2. Because of heavy rains and flooding this past spring, the Lewisville dam is currently being repaired after a large portion of the embankment gave way. Seismic activity associated with drilling in and around Lake Lewisville could possibly have grave impacts on the dam. Increasing drilling in this area could also result in the migration of drilling fluids along existing fault areas below the lake, weakening the integrity of the dam's infrastructure.

3. The air quality in the Denton area has been given an F rating by the American Lung Association. Any increase in drilling and containment of natural gas comes with a negative impact and worsened air quality for our region.

The Environmental Assessment for this proposed lease sale is substantially and procedurally flawed. There was no analysis of how drilling, fracking, or wastewater injection could impact the Woodbine, Trinity or Paluxy aquifers in relation to this parcel. The EA does not address the soils or the geology regarding this Lake Lewisville parcel along with other important issues. Therefore, BLM's offer of this parcel is unlawful as it fails to sufficiently address the above issues as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Please pull this parcel from the April 20 auction. Do not put my family's water, health, and well-being at risk.

Sincerely,

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