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Re:	Protest of NM-201604-043	cc:	N/A

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Attn: Protest of NM-201604-043

To whom it may concern,

Per regulation Title 43, CFR 3120.1-3, I am hereby protesting the release, inclusion, and leasing rights of the mineral and drilling rights of the 258.9-acre collection of 43 parcels underlying the western arm of the Lewisville Lake in the Hickory Creek branch, located in Denton County, Texas. The BLM reference number is NM-201604-043. I am protesting as a citizen of Denton County and am in no way affiliated with any group, association, partnership, or corporation.

My reason of interest in this protest and thus my desire to write this official protest is that I believe the environmental, cultural, and archeological protection of the area, when leased, will be significantly impacted in a negative manner. I am particularly concerned about the lack of studies the effect drilling, or fracking, has on the flora and fauna of the Texas environments, as well as the effect on human populations. For this specific land lease sell, there needs to be more studies and documentation done on the effect these activities (drilling, fracking, etc.) will have on the surrounding population.

Lake Lewisville is also a popular destination for not only the people of Texas, but tourists as well. The lease of the mineral and drilling rights could severely impact the monetary gain from Lake Lewisville, as drilling and fracking are seen negatively. Thus, the lease of the mineral and drilling rights would have a negative impact on the local, and state, economies.

I also feel that no mention was made of the Native American Graves and Protection and Repatriation Act, NAGPRA, and the effect the leasing of drilling and mineral rights will have on the archeological sites of Lake Lewisville. Lake Lewisville has a long history of archeological examinations and digs, and thus I feel more studies and information is needed in order for this lease to support and follow federal laws.

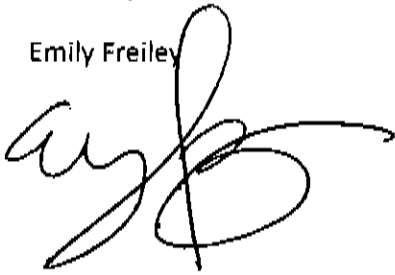
Thus, my statement of reasons to support this protest include the lack of studies the effect drilling and fracking have on the environment and humans, the lack of disregard or information for the Native American Graves and Protection and Repatriation Act, and the effect the lease will have on the local, state, and federal economies.

My immediate interest in this protest is to keep the Bureau of Land Management from selling the drilling and mineral rights, as I believe that the resulting drilling, fracking, or refining will have a severe impact to Lake Lewisville and the surrounding population.

This letter thus serves as my protest to such leasing.

Sincerely,

Emily Freiley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Emily Freiley', written in a cursive style.