

February 18, 2016

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

Re: NM-201604-043 258.90 Acres TX TR F-519; TR F-520A; TR F-520B; TR F-524

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I am writing to protest the sale of leases on the Hickory Creek Branch of Lake Lewisville in Texas for the following reasons:

- Lake Lewisville serves as the primary drinking water reservoir for Dallas and much of North Texas.
- Contamination of Lake Lewisville by toxic, carcinogenic and neurotoxic chemicals used in the drilling and hydraulic fracturing processes would render Lake Lewisville water undrinkable with considerable negative consequences for the entire North Texas region.
- Earthquakes associated with hydraulic fracturing and wastewater injection well disposal have been shown by USGS seismologists, as well as seismologists from numerous major universities, to have occurred in Oklahoma, as well as in Irving, Dallas, Azle, Reno, Springtown and other North Texas cities resulting in structural damage to homes, municipal buildings and commercial structures.
- Insurance companies will not cover structure damages caused by man-made earthquakes associated with oil and gas production activities.
- Oil and gas exploration and production on or under mortgaged properties violates provisions of federally-insured mortgage loans issued by VHA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and other federal agencies, and can result in loans being called leading to forced foreclosures for people who receive no benefits from the oil and gas production.
- The lease rates in the bid proposal offer public property at rates far below fair market value and defraud citizens of appropriate revenues from the lease of public property and the sale of publicly-owned minerals.
- The Lake Lewisville lease parcels are very close to developed residential communities that would be harmed by the non-stop heavy industrial process starting with padsite preparation and continuing through well completion without benefit to local residents and possible reductions of their real property values.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Marshall