

February 15, 2016

Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
PO Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM
87502-0015

RE: Public Comment/Complaint Against Proposed Fracking of Land in Hickory Creek, Texas


Dear Sirs or Ladies,

I am writing to express my views and concerns against the possible auction of drilling rights for the next 10 years on 259 acres in Hickory Creek, Texas.

Please note that as a resident of Hickory Creek, I am extremely opposed to having my neighborhood invaded by oil and gas industry activities. We are located adjacent to the northwest shore of Lake Lewisville which supplies drinking water for many cities in the DFW area. The drinking water for our area is supplied from the Harbor Grove Water Supply. The Lake and its surrounding shores are also a haven for a varied ecosystem of wildlife that would be adversely impacted by the development of drill sites and hydraulic fracturing activities. Additionally, the lake provides recreational boating and camping parks for local tax-paying families. Any leak or spill would result in unhealthy contamination and pose a serious health hazard to wildlife, residents, and the general public. Lastly, the increased seismic activity associated with drilling and hydraulic fracturing may cause an additional threat to the integrity of Lake Lewisville dam, businesses and residential structures. The ground movement in North Texas is already substantial due to native soil content. To create the potential for more movement thereby endangering people's homes, businesses and schools is unnecessary given the expanse of oil and gas rich land in Texas. Again, as a resident of Hickory Creek, I urge you NOT to auction off the land in this area for drilling rights.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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cc: Governor Greg Abbott, gov.texas.gov/contact/

Senator Jane Nelson District 12, www.senate.state.tx.us
Representative Myra Crownover, www.senate.state.tx.us
EarthJustice, earthjustice.org/features/texas-and-fracking
Lewisville Texan, lewisvilletexan.com
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