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<My home is just miles from the impact zone>

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RE: Formal Protest of the 20 Apr 2016 BLM Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Leuders and associated arbiters:

Just a few days ago, I was informed via a Facebook post from my Highland Village neighbors that the BLM is planning to have an oil and gas lease sale planned on April 20, 2016. Specifically, the reference numbers I have been given are:

Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-040-2015-61-EA, pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3.

I kindly ask that you file this letter as a notice of protest with regards to including parcel, NM-201603-44, covering a total of 258.9 acres near Lewisville Lake, from this lease sale.

Specifically, if this Fracking occurs, living near the lake puts myself, my home, and my future children's lives at risk. As a new homeowner and recently married, I plan on living in this home for a long time and raising a family in Highland Village. It is certainly disconcerting to know that Fracking will be happening just miles from my residence, and the impact it will have on our water supply, our fragile dam, our fauna, our flora, and the overall stability of our ground. It has been repeatedly documented that Fracking causes earthquakes, and given the weakness of our dam (one of the worst in the country) and the numerous homes surrounding the lease site, this particular parcel is in no way acceptable with regards to the proposed leasing initiative – now or in the foreseeable future.

Certainly you can relate: imagine your own home – now imagine it near a lake and further, hypothesize the current Fracking situation happening to you – you purchased your home for stability, safety, and longevity. The current initiative in our Highland Village neighborhood threatens every one of these key factors that any family would want for their home. There are numerous acres elsewhere in the US that make more sense for Fracking – it is my sincere hope this group of arbiters truly appreciates the plans I made for my life, my wife, and my future family. Please, do not allow this leases sale to take place on our beloved Lewisville Lake.

Lastly, thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter. I know I am only the voice of one man and his future children at this point. At the same time, I hope that through the repeated testimonials of all of us in and around Highland Village, you decide on the safest option for us all.

Sincerely,
Troy Tuttle, MS