

Feb. 19, 2016

VIA FAX (505) 954-2010

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Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Lueders:

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20, 2016 oil and gas lease sale:

I am protesting the sale of any leases at this time. I think the following list covers all the parcels in the sale, although you have published at least two versions of the parcel numbers.

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| NM-201604-001 | NM-201604-015 | NM-201604-029 |
| NM-201604-002 | NM-201604-016 | NM-201604-030 |
| NM-201604-003 | NM-201604-017 | NM-201604-031 |
| NM-201604-004 | NM-201604-018 | NM-201604-032 |
| NM-201604-005 | NM-201604-019 | NM-201604-033 |
| NM-201604-006 | NM-201604-020 | NM-201604-034 |
| NM-201604-007 | NM-201604-021 | NM-201604-035 |
| NM-201604-008 | NM-201604-022 | NM-201604-036 |
| NM-201604-009 | NM-201604-023 | NM-201604-037 |
| NM-201604-010 | NM-201604-024 | NM-201604-039 |
| NM-201604-011 | NM-201604-025 | NM-201604-040 |
| NM-201604-012 | NM-201604-026 | NM-201604-041 |

PROTEST

Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests:

I am a private citizen and tax payer of the United States, thus interested in all public lands. In particular, some of my water supply comes from Lewisville Lake (NM-201604-013) in Denton County, TX, NM-201604-037, NM-201604-039, NM-201604-040, including Sommerville Lake (NM-201604-042) in Burleson and Washington Counties and Choke Canyon (NM-201604-012, NM-201604-013) in McMullen and LiveOak Counties for recreation.

Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

The sale of any mineral leases at this time is poor management of public assets, considering the current low value of oil and gas. None of the leases should be offered at a time when they will likely bring in a fraction of their customary value.

In particular, the leases that underlie Lewsiville, Sommerville, and Choke Canyon Lakes, all of which are drinking water reservoirs, should not be offered for lease. Oil fields sometimes create sinkholes. Sinkholes are already found in Denton County, Washington County and McMullen County. A sinkhole opening under a lake would threaten the integrity of the lake, the water supply and the dam.