

**Subject:** Fwd: BLM and Hickory Creek  
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FYI about oil leases with proposed extractions from the bottom of Lake Lewisville

FAX must be made today before midnight to : 505 954 2010  
BLM at New Mexico State Office  
301 Dinosaur Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a retired person of 76 years of age. I have a few years left in my life but my real concern is for the future of my community and the children that have great expectation for their welfare and safety. My specific concern is that the BLM of the United States is considering a proposal to lease land to oil companies for the purposes of drilling in my County of Denton in Texas. More specifically, drilling in and around Lewisville Lake in Hickory Creek Texas, an area which serves not only as a major source of recreation for the citizens of Denton County, but also Dallas, Collin Wise, and surrounding counties, also carries the danger of contaminating the waters of Lewisville Lake which serves thousands of residents.

As an extension of the Federal Government, the BLM is sworn to be the protector of it's people and public lands and natural resources, it behooves you to make appropriate investigations regarding said proposal. We all know the failure of oil companies to clean up after an "accident" and the number of years it threatens not only wild life but the livelihood of human beings with pollution from drilling ending in our rivers, lakes and resevoirs.

Of immediate concern is the condition of the Lake Lewsiville Dam. There seems to be a seepage that is undermining the structure & safety of the dam.

The residents of Denton County depend on this lake for their drinking water, recreation and economic development. We do not want another disaster area because the BLM would acquiesce to the highest bidder. Please reconsider the proposal to lease to oil companies in my county and surrounding counties. Thank you.

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