

The Bureau of Land Management New Mexico Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm a near-lifelong resident of Denton, Texas currently working on my third academic degree (Ecology) at the University of North Texas. I'm familiar with the process of carrying out an environmental impact assessment and I have read over the one prepared by the Bureau of Land Management. As you are aware, Lewisville Lake provides drinking water to many thousands of people in several counties in the DFW area.

At the minimum, I urge you to postpone the sale of the parcel of land near Lewisville Lake in order to conduct a more thorough and comprehensive impact assessment, and at the most to suspend the auction of this land completely. This is a critical matter because of the potential health and safety risk to the public if there is a contamination event.

I appreciate the stipulations currently in place should the auction proceed, but I believe there should be additional stipulations, since it involves an important watershed area. While there are rules and "strict oversight," it doesn't mean everyone will follow them perfectly. We live in the real world and accidents happen all the time. It is critical that an accident doesn't happen in an area close to this source of drinking water, for which residents and wildlife are vitally dependent upon. There is also the issue of runoff from new roads and well pads. The royalties obtained as a result of drilling in this area don't come close to cleanup expenses, should there be an accidental environmental disaster. Taxpayers will have a contaminated water source, as well as being stuck with the cleanup bill.

We don't need the risk for a potential water crisis on the scale of what's happening in Flint, MI. I'm grateful for the energy possibilities afforded by the drilling of natural gas in Texas and I'm aware of currently existing sites near the lake. However, there are many other places to drill and one of those places should not possibly be underneath a major source of water for so many. Please postpone the auction of the land in order to ensure that you're doing the right thing for future generations of Texas residents.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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