

# Protest Information

This document serves to inform the reader on how to file a timely protest for the upcoming July 20, 2016 Oil and Gas Lease Sale. Please be advised that the 30-day protest period is open from April 20, 2016 through May 20, 2016.

Under 43 CFR 3120.1-3 you may protest the inclusion of a parcel listed on the lease sale notice. All protests must meet the following requirements:

- Protests must be received no later than close of business on **May 20, 2016**. We will dismiss a late-filed protest or a protest filed without a statement of reasons.
- A protest must include a statement of reasons to support the protest and state the interest of the protesting party in the matter.
- Protests must be filed either by mail or by telefax. Mail a hardcopy protest to: BLM New Mexico State Office; Attn: Amy Lueders, State Director; P.O. Box 27115; Santa Fe, NM 87505. A protest filed by fax must be sent to (505) 954-2010; Attention: Amy Lueders, State Director. A protest sent to a different fax number will be dismissed. Protests may not be filed by email per current regulations.
- If the party signing the protest is doing so on behalf of an association, partnership, or corporation, the signing party must reveal the relationship between them. For example, unless a homeowners association authorizes an individual member of its group to act for it, the individual cannot make a protest in the group's name.
- Any protests, including names and street addresses, you submit will be made available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your personal identifiable information from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organization or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.