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BLM Colorado State Office  
Attn: Fluid Minerals  
2850 Youngfield Street  
Lakewood, CO 80215



Re: Protest of August 2013 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

Protest of 3 Parcels, COC#s 76119, 76118, 76120 (Wilderness Ranch) Moffat Co.

To Whom It May Concern:

As property owners within COC 76119 and members of the Wilderness Ranch Land Owners Association, we are protesting the inclusion of the above referenced parcels in the lease sale advertised for August 2013. We are protesting the leasing of COC 76118 and COC 76120 because development of these nearby acreages would also have a disastrous effect on our own property.

We request the above parcels be withdrawn from the sale for the following:

Reason #1: Human Environment. Oil & Gas development on these parcels will cause major destruction of the Wilderness Ranch community environment, which has over 600 property owners and includes 220 residences. The effect on this Rural Residential area has been completely ignored by the BLM's RMP process as well as the EA. Property owners were not even informed of the RMP reviews in spite of the obvious fact that it had a huge impact on their property, values and environments. We also doubt that the BLM personnel involved in the RMP gave any serious consideration to the impact of oil development on Wilderness Ranch specifically.

These are extremely serious oversights on the part of the BLM and they must be corrected before any leasing takes place.

The Wilderness Ranch community exists for the specific purpose of allowing property owners the opportunity to enjoy its natural environment. Oil & gas development within this Human Environment is in direct conflict with both the intent and the covenants of Wilderness Ranch. It is illegal for a property owner to engage in any commercial activity on the Ranch; allowing oil & gas development completely defeats the purpose of Wilderness Ranch and its covenants.

The damage this commercial development would do to the Wilderness Ranch environment is incalculable. Visual pollution, noise pollution, as well as outright damage to the natural Aspen Forest Ecosystem will render significant portions of the Ranch almost worthless in value; not just properties where drilling/extraction takes place, but adjoining properties and properties where the roads and pipelines will be built. To make

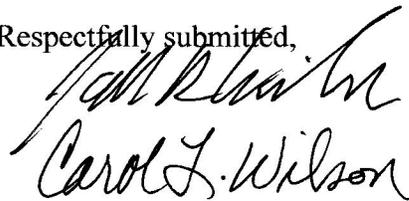
matters even worse, the traffic pollution will create dangerous driving conditions throughout an area where the roadways already routinely wash out.

Reason #2: Wildlife Environment. Leasing of the Wilderness Ranch parcels will damage critical biological resources of the area. The BLM, via both the EA and RMP processes, has done absolutely nothing to seriously evaluate the Ranch properties or the immediate surroundings; any specific statements made by the BLM are uninformed speculation.

The Wilderness Ranch Covenants, plus a seasonal perimeter fence to keep out livestock, provide a rare opportunity for threatened flora and fauna to actually gain population. Commercial exploitation will destroy that opportunity. The philosophy that threatened species can "just go somewhere else" will not work when an area such as Wilderness Ranch, with numerous interactive species, is invaded by commercial development. There is nowhere else for them to go without invading another species' habitat.

Surely in the grand scheme of things, these parcels can be permanently removed from the leasing frenzy with little effect on the overall program.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signatures of Jack R. Wilson and Carol L. Wilson. The signature of Jack R. Wilson is written in black ink and is positioned above the signature of Carol L. Wilson, which is also in black ink.

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