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SUBJ: Protest January 26, 2010 Competitive Sale

Dear Sirs:

I protest BLM's decision to offer the following lands in this Notice for lease, sale date January 26, 2010. The plot is:

01-10-01

MTM 99624

MTM 97300-FK PD

T. 22 N, R. 19 E, PMM, MT

sec. 5 LOT 1;

6 LOTS 1,2;

6 SWNE;

Fergus 160.24 AC

Stipulations: Cultural Resources

16-1, Standard 16-3, TES 16-2

Under 43 CFR 3120. 1-3 No action pursuant to the regulations in this subpart shall be suspended under §4.21(a) of this title due to an appeal from a decision by the authorized officer to hold a lease sale. The authorized officer may suspend the offering of a specific parcel while considering a protest or appeal against its inclusion in a Notice of Competitive Lease Sale.

I am protesting this plot for the following reasons to support the protest.

1. My interest with protesting this parcel:

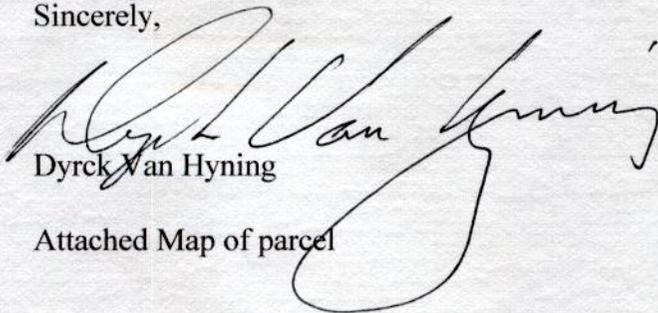
- a. I am an active member of the Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument nonprofit organization..
- b. In the Federal Court Case MWA vs Fry (CV 00-039-GF-DWM) the court established that I had standing.
- c. I support the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument and its future.
- d. I scrutinize all oil and gas activity on both sides of the Missouri River in the Monument and report this information to a number of non-profit organizations.

2. Reasons for suspending this parcel lease sale:

- a. This lease sale Section 6 Lot 1 & 2 and Section 6 SWNE parcel is bordering on the Monument. There are no roads in these parcels. Gas activity would by definition create roads.
- b. There has never been gas discovered in this township. Of the 14 gas well drilled in T22N - R19E, there is no gas found. No producing gas well in the next township T22N - R18E.
- c. This is in the prime Big Horn Sheep area and winter range for mule deer (UMRBNM Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final EIS Map H and MapJ)
- d. On January 6, 2010 Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced new oil and gas leasing regulations and guidelines per our Great Falls Tribune January 8, 2010. Under new guidelines, the paper states, teams from several agencies will consult and officials will physically inspect the sites rather than making decisions from behind their desks, Director of BLM Bob Abbey stated.
- e. This parcel should be suspended for the above reasons that no official has inspected this proposed lease location.

Please consider my protest.

Sincerely,



Dyrck Wan Hyning

Attached Map of parcel

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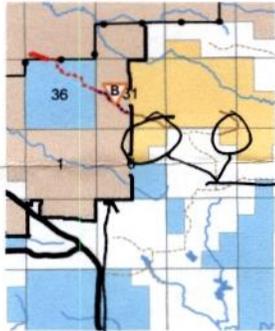
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PROPOSED LEASES

BLM Lease

MONUMENT BOUNDARY