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Mr. Chun C. Wong
Bureau of Land Management
Montana State Office
5001 Southgate Drive
Billings, MT 59101-4669

July 30, 2009

Reference: Parcel 08-09-12

Subject: Land Ownership and Mineral Rights

Dear Mr. Wong,

I received your letter, dated July 10, 2009, relative to the proposed offering oil and gas leases on our land.

There is some misinformation in the correspondence that you included that may affect the Parcel 08-09-12.

First: the land is not in a Trust. It is individually owned by myself (3/9th), my son Gregory J. Leach (2/9th), my son Fred C. Leach (2/9th), and my daughter-in-law Patricia R. Leach (2/9th). We are relative inheritors from the original owner Mr. Fowler, the grandfather of my wife, who homesteaded the property. The deed was signed by President Grant. The deed stipulated that we, forever,

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own all gas and mineral rights. They are not for sale nor can they be taken away.

Please amend the Public Offering by deleting this parcel from the advertisement. Also the land is now being protected in a U. S. Government CRP Conservation Program which does not allow the land to be disturbed.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Leach