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Via fax (505-954-2010) and U.S. mail

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RE: Protest by Upper Trinity Regional Water District pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3 of proposed auction by Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") of Parcel NM-201604-43 comprising approximately 259 acres in and adjacent to Lewisville Lake, Denton County, Texas (the "Lewisville Lake Property")

Dear Ms. Leuders:

Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) is not convinced that sufficient precaution is being taken by BLM to protect the precious water supply in Lewisville Lake, a source that many local communities depend on for essential water supplies. The Lake, and especially the Hickory Creek arm of the Lake, is already under other risks of potential pollution; therefore, a goal of gaining additional revenue may not be sufficient justification for adding another risk on top of those that already concern communities who depend on Lewisville Lake for their life-source water. Accordingly, we are compelled to protest the planned auction on April 20 of mineral interest adjacent to and under Lewisville Lake.

Upper Trinity Regional Water District is a regional water system that provides water services for some twenty-five communities in Denton County -- most, with water out of Lewisville Lake. Most of our service area is within the raw water planning area of Dallas Water Utilities (DWU), and we depend on raw water from Lewisville Lake to fulfill our service obligations.

We give this official notice that UTRWD is in full support of, and joins with, the protest and request dated February 9, 2016, that was filed by Dallas Water Utilities against the planned auction of the Lewisville Lake Property. Accordingly, like DWU, we request that BLM withdraw the Lewisville Lake Property from the scheduled April 20, 2016, auction. Please contact me at (972) 219-1228 if you have any questions that I may be able to assist with or to provide further information.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Taylor, P.E.
Executive Director

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C: COL Calvin C. Hudson II, District Commander, Fort Worth District
Brian S. Kamisato, P.E., Deputy District Engineer
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