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**DECISION**

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance	:	Protest to the Inclusion of Certain
Attn: Stephen Bloch	:	Parcels in the November 15, 2005,
425 East 100 South	:	February 21, 2006, and May 16, 2006
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111	:	Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sales

**Protests Dismissed as Moot**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provided proper notice to the public that certain parcels of land would be offered in competitive oil and gas lease sales scheduled for November 15, 2005, February 21, 2006 and May 16, 2006. During the protest period for each of these lease sales, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) complied with BLM protest procedures and provided to BLM by letter its timely protest to the inclusion of certain parcels of land in each sale. This decision responds to the respective portions of the SUWA protests as they pertain to the following 38 parcels, situated on lands administered by the Price Field Office (PFO):

**November 2005 Lease Sale**

UTU84130 (UT071)	UTU84131 (UT072)	UTU84132 (UT073)
UTU84133 (UT074)	UTU84134 (UT075)	UTU84135 (UT076)
UTU84137 (UT078)	UTU84138 (UT079)	UTU84139 (UT080)
UTU84140 (UT081)	UTU84141 (UT082)	UTU84142 (UT083)
UTU84143 (UT084)	UTU84144 (UT085)	UTU84147 (UT093)
UTU84148 (UT094)	UTU84149 (UT095)	UTU84150 (UT096)

February 2006 Lease Sale

UTU84315 (UT108)	UTU84321 (UT159)	UTU84324 (UT181)
UTU84326 (UT183)	UTU84327 (UT184)	UTU84328 (UT185)
UTU84329 (UT186)	UTU84330 (UT187)	UTU84331 (UT188)

May 2006 Lease Sale

UTU84607 (UT220B)	UTU84608 (UT220C)	UTU84609 (UT220D)
UTU84610 (UT220E)	UTU84611 (UT220F)	UTU84612 (UT220G)
UTU84644 (UT253H)	UTU84645 (UT253I)	UTU84646 (UT253J)
UTU84647 (UT253K)	UTU84648 (UT253L)	

On July 28, 2011, BLM rejected the offers made at the respective sales to lease the 38 parcels. Consequently, the SUWA protests as they pertain to the 38 parcels are hereby dismissed as moot.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 C.F.R. Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition for a stay pursuant to 43 C.F.R. Part 4, Subpart B § 4.21, during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay must show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall be evaluated based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Copies of the notice of appeal, petition for stay, and statement of reasons also must be submitted to the Office of the Solicitor, Intermountain Region, 125 South State Street, Suite 6201, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138, at the same time the original documents are filed in this office.

If you need further information, please contact Kent Hoffman, Deputy State Director, at (801) 539-4063.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juan Palma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Juan Palma  
State Director

Enclosure  
1 – Form 1842-1