

UTAH STATE OFFICE  
RECEIVED  
ACCOUNTS UNIT

2006 JUL 31 PM 3:18

DEPT OF INTERIOR  
BUR OF LAND MGMT

August 1, 2006  
Henry Bisson  
Acting Director  
Utah State BLM  
PO Box 45155  
Salt Lake City, Utah 94145-0155

Dear Director:

I hereby protest the offering of the following leases for oil and gas development in the August, 2006 Utah Action: Parcel UT -273. This offered lease is located along and adjacent to the Green River, immediately downstream from the Ruby Ranch, where I have permits to operate canoe trips as The Red River Canoe Company, L.C.

I strongly disagree with the leasing of this parcel and the adverse impacts from its development. We utilize this unique canyon corridor in the course of our regular business for canoeing, camping, hiking, and sightseeing. The wilderness qualities and values of this river corridor and its diverse side canyons are essential for our business. Most notable, this particular area and Three Canyon, with tributaries and slick rock benches. Any development within this offered lease would have direct conflict with our business. We pride ourselves on our leave no trace ethic. If BLM continues with leasing of this parcel and if development of this parcel occurs, the length of the river's wild and wilderness experience would be significantly impacted in which our client's desire. Labyrinth Canyon is currently devoid of oil and gas development would require a half a day of less than desirable float experience in order to get past the direct effects of oil and gas development within this area.

I have a number of clients who return each year to experience this same unique stretch of Green River, primarily because of the solitude, wild character and peacefulness. Other visitors and clients will choose to utilize my business because of these qualities, and the leases directly threaten the interest of these clients and this aspect of my business.

Theresa Butler  
Co-Owner  
Red River Canoe, Company, L.C.  
1371 N. Hwy 191  
Moab, Utah 84532  
435-259-7722