Dear BLM

I'm writing in regard to the Canyon Country District oil and gas lease sale coming up in Feb. 2013. I am a resident of Moab, Utah, and I believe serious thought should be given as to what parcels can be opened up for leasing, especially parcels #42, 54 and 119. Have you ever watched a film about fracking? Our Moab public library hosted one a month ago - it's beyond scary / dangerous. One town was essentially made a ghost town due to the toxic effects. To even consider such a process as fracking anywhere near a water supply is simply insane. If the water and air are poisoned, not only will people residing near these areas get sick - I imagine <u>everyone</u> responsible (including the BLM) will start seeing lawsuits flying their way. The fracking process has been rendered illegal in a number of countries. So far, no one has come up with a way to do it safely regarding toxic environmental concerns. Fracking is also a short-term band-aid for our energy needs, as the resources extracted are still non-renewable and would not last long, but the environmental damage <u>would</u>. It's well <u>past</u> the time for America to pull it's head out of the sand and start planning for it's future.

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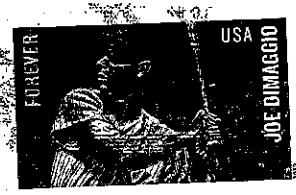

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