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Attn: Becky Hammond
Subject: February 2013 Oil and Gas Lease
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Dear Bureau of Land Management:

First, let me thank you for your hard work and difficult task of managing multiple uses in a landscape that has as many ideologies as it does colors. Your continued effort will be paramount to creating a world in which generations to come may enjoy and prosper in this most amazing of landscapes.

In regards the February, 2013 Oil and Gas Lease for the Moab/Monticello Field Offices, I would like to submit a protest to one of those parcels, UTO213-042. First, let me explain that this parcel has not undergone adequate environmental consideration, based on its location and proximity to geologic structures that may put this site at a higher risk to ground water contamination of Moab's hydrologic system. (see figure 1) Although, surface water will not drain from this location into the Moab Valley, it is apparent that a number of faults that cross the area may provide a link to the Moab Valley water system, and in the event of a malfunction or the use of fracking fluids this may pose a risk of compromising Moab's most important resource; its water.

Please consider this argument for parcel 042 and its potential environmental consequences when moving forward with the lease process. It would be quite myopic to compromise Moab's water resource for a relatively small amount of hydrocarbon production.

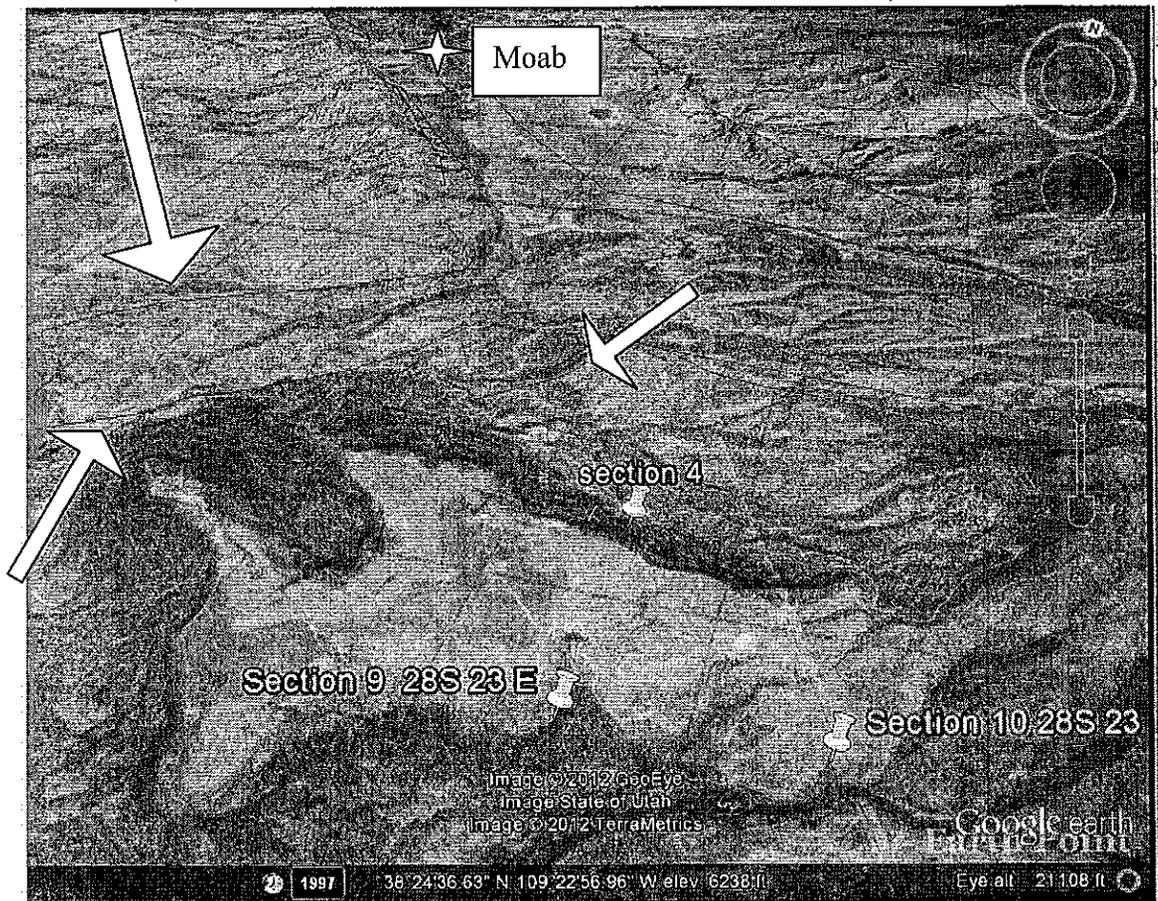
Thank you for your time and hard work.

Sincerely,



Chris Benson

Figure 1



Looking North, at UT2012-042 with sections 4, 9, and 10 in 28S 23E. Geologic Units and Structure superimposed on Google Earth Base map. Note the location of faults Northwest and down stream of the parcels. Ground water would likely have permeability into the Moab Valley water system via a series of NNE trending faults that intersect the highly fractured Moab Valley Zone and accompanying ground water systems.

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