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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, National Park Service - Southeast Utah Group

From: *For* State Director */s/ Jenna Whitlock*

Subject: Protest Dismissed - February 2015 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

On November 14, 2014, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) Utah State Office posted a Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale (“NCLS”) that identified parcels of land which the BLM proposed to offer for oil and gas leasing at a competitive lease auction scheduled for February 17, 2015 (“February 2015 Lease Sale”). That NCLS also provided notice of a 30-day protest period for the parcels that the BLM proposed to offer for oil and gas leasing during the February 2015 Lease Sale.

During the protest period for the NCLS, on December 8, 2014, BLM Utah received a memorandum (copy attached) whereby the National Park Service protested certain aspects of the proposal in the NCLS to offer parcels UTU90952 (UT0215 – 051), UTU90953 (UT0215 – 052), UTU90967 (UT0215 – 090), and UTU90980 (UT0215 – 115) (collectively “Protested Parcels”) for oil and gas leasing at the February 2015 Lease Sale.

On February 10, 2015, BLM Utah posted an errata sheet for the NCLS that, among other things, deferred all of the above identified Protested Parcels from being offered for oil and gas leasing at the February 2015 Lease Sale. As none of the Protested Parcels will be offered for lease at the February 2015 Lease Sale, the protest of the February 2015 Lease Sale filed by the National Park Service is hereby dismissed in its entirety.

Please direct any questions regarding this decision to Justin Abernathy, BLM Utah Fluid Minerals Leasing Coordinator, at 801-539-4067.

Attachment:

1. National Park Service Protest Memorandum