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Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. 3120.1-3 please accept this letter of protest regarding the proposed lease sale of the following parcels. I request that these parcels be withdrawn from the March 24, 2009, sale for the reasons given below.

The leases below are in or near crucial deer and elk habitat. I have been a hunter for over 20 years in Utah, and the destruction of this habitat and /or dislocation of the game will adversely affect my ability to feed and support my family. The deer and elk will be subject to dislocation all year due to drilling in the summer and maintenance in the winter. Thousands of Utah residents will be adversely affected by the reduction of the deer and elk herds in the leases below. My health will be affected as I travel through Utah due to the increased air pollution from the additional oil and gas activities. The health of thousands of Utah citizens will be compromised by the additional oil and gas activities.

A large majority of the leases in the Districts below have had 1% or less of the area inventoried for cultural sites and do not meet the requirements of 43 C.F.R. Many sites listed have had zero inventory, and many sites listed below were inventoried many years ago and do not meet current procedures or regulations. Class 1 inventories without any prior studies are not sufficient to meet CFR regulation. The BLM realizes that once a lease is sold the US Courts will and have removed any and all stipulations that prevent an oil company's access to their lease. No cultural or minimal cultural inventories leave open the possibility that a large cultural site will be later discovered on a parcel. The presence of an unknown world class site on a lease site would be damaged by the presence of oil and gas drilling. The BLM in all districts has stated a hope that a parcel is large enough to accommodate at least one drilling rig. Leasing of oil and gas parcels is required to be based on scientific facts and not on a prayer or a hope that the leased area can support a drilling rig. The BLM districts have extrapolated cultural inventories from other areas to cover some of the leased parcels. This extrapolation does not provide sufficient data for a determination of a lease sale per 43 C.F.R. Craig Harmon- BLM Archeologist- in "Cultural Resources, Nov 8, 2008" dated August 19, 2008 from the BLM web site, stated that "some of the areas proposed for leasing have no inventory work in them at all..."

The State of Utah in all the BLM Districts below is either in violation of the EPA air quality for ozone or very close to violations. Canyonland National Park is reading .073 for ozone pollution. And will soon be over the allowed .075. The State of Utah is spending millions of dollars to remediate the air pollution in the Vernal area and will soon spend millions more on studies in the rest of the state. The leasing of more areas by the BLM is criminal. The BLM must analyze the cumulative effect of additional oil and gas facilities to current air pollution prior to leasing any further areas. The 77 leases that were removed by the current court decision were partially due to the BLM's inadequate air quality studies. The BLM must know prior to leasing additional land that additional oil and gas exploration will not raise the ozone limits above the new EPA limit of .075.

The leases to be deferred are listed by BLM districts.

Richfield District: Leases UT0309-xxx

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Price District: Leases UT0309-xxx

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Moab District: Leases UT0309-xxx

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San Juan District: Leases UT0309-xxx

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Sincerely:



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