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Dear Bureau of Land Management and Interior Secretary Salazar:

We applaud the Interior Department's efforts to confront global warming. We agree with you, Secretary Salazar: it's time to "change how we manage the land, water, fish and wildlife, and cultural heritage and tribal lands and resources we oversee."

That is why I am writing to oppose the Bureau of Land Management's proposal to offer the South Gillette Area coal leases. Coal mining in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming is fueling global warming, leading to the release of 13 percent of the nation's greenhouse gases. The South Gillette Area coal leases threaten to strip-mine nearly a billion tons of coal, leading to the release of more than 1.5 billion tons of carbon dioxide.

Global warming threatens the wildlife, wild places, and wild rivers of the American West. It's time to shift away from coal to reduce the nation's greenhouse gases. It's time for the Bureau of Land Management to be a leader in safeguarding the climate and live up to your call, Secretary Salazar, for a "unified greenhouse gas emission reduction program."

The health, sustainability, and prosperity of our future depend on clean energy. Please take the first, big step by rejecting the South Gillette Area coal leases, charting a path toward embracing clean energy, and leading the Department of Interior toward a sustainable future. Thank you.

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