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# Town Of Ten Sleep

February 16, 2009

Eddie Bateson  
BLM Wind River/Bighorn Basin District Manager  
101 South 23rd Street  
PO Box 119  
Worland, WY 82401-0119

Dear Mr. Bateson:

The Town of Ten Sleep is interested in purchasing a portion of several tracts of land identified in appendix B table B-3 of the "Washakie Resource Management Plan" which identifies BLM tracts that may be suitable for disposal consideration for disposal. The tracts identified for consideration for disposal are located in T 47 N, R. 88W Sec 21 Lots (Sec 28, lot 1) 1,2,3,4. We are interested in the portions of these 4 lots, which lie on the south side of State Highway 434. Attachment A is a map that identifies the parcels of interest. The town would use the two approximately 20-Acre parcels to help stimulate the construction of affordable family housing. per vic

Affordable family housing and/or building lots are non-existent in or near the Town of Ten Sleep. Three of our town's successful businesses, Big Horn Rural Electric, Eleutian Technologies, and the Ten Sleep K-12 public school, have each had the unfortunate experience of desirable new-hire candidates reject offers because they were unable to find affordable housing for their families. There are presently a few building lots available in or within 5 miles of town but they range from \$70-250K per lot. Any home priced under \$250,000 dollars sells in less than 6 months. With a projected median income of less than \$50,000 per year in Washakie County these types of prices make it virtually impossible for young families to own a home here.

The town owns a water line, which services Shriver Park (an existing subdivision) adjacent to the 20-acre parcels. This line has the capacity to service more homes in this area. This accompanied by the close proximity of these parcels to highway 434 would allow the town to keep the cost of lots low. The Town's plan would be to subdivide the two 20-Acre parcels into single acre lots and to provide water, utilities, and streets to each lot.

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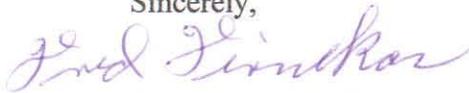
# Town Of Ten Sleep

The lots would be sold to people willing to establish permanent residence on the lot and construct a single family dwelling within a prescribed amount of time. The town would place appropriate legal restrictions on each lot sold to avoid having the lots go to speculators or people who weren't willing to establish the land acquired through this program as their permanent residence.

In order to achieve the goal of providing affordable housing the Town of Ten Sleep would like to avoid participating in a bidding/auction process with private entities. Instead, the town would like you to consider the direct sale option as outlined in CFR Ch. II Sec 2711.3-3, with the price based on fair market value determined by an appraisal performed by a Federal or independent appraiser. Attachment B is a collection of statements of support.

The Town of Ten Sleep would appreciate the BLM's support in solving this important economic issue for its citizens. By stimulating affordable housing in a timely manner, young families will be able to take advantage of available jobs provided by viable Wyoming companies that currently have a presence in Ten Sleep. The town council feels if we do not act soon, businesses and jobs will move elsewhere.

Sincerely,



Fred Firenkas, Mayor  
Town of Ten Sleep

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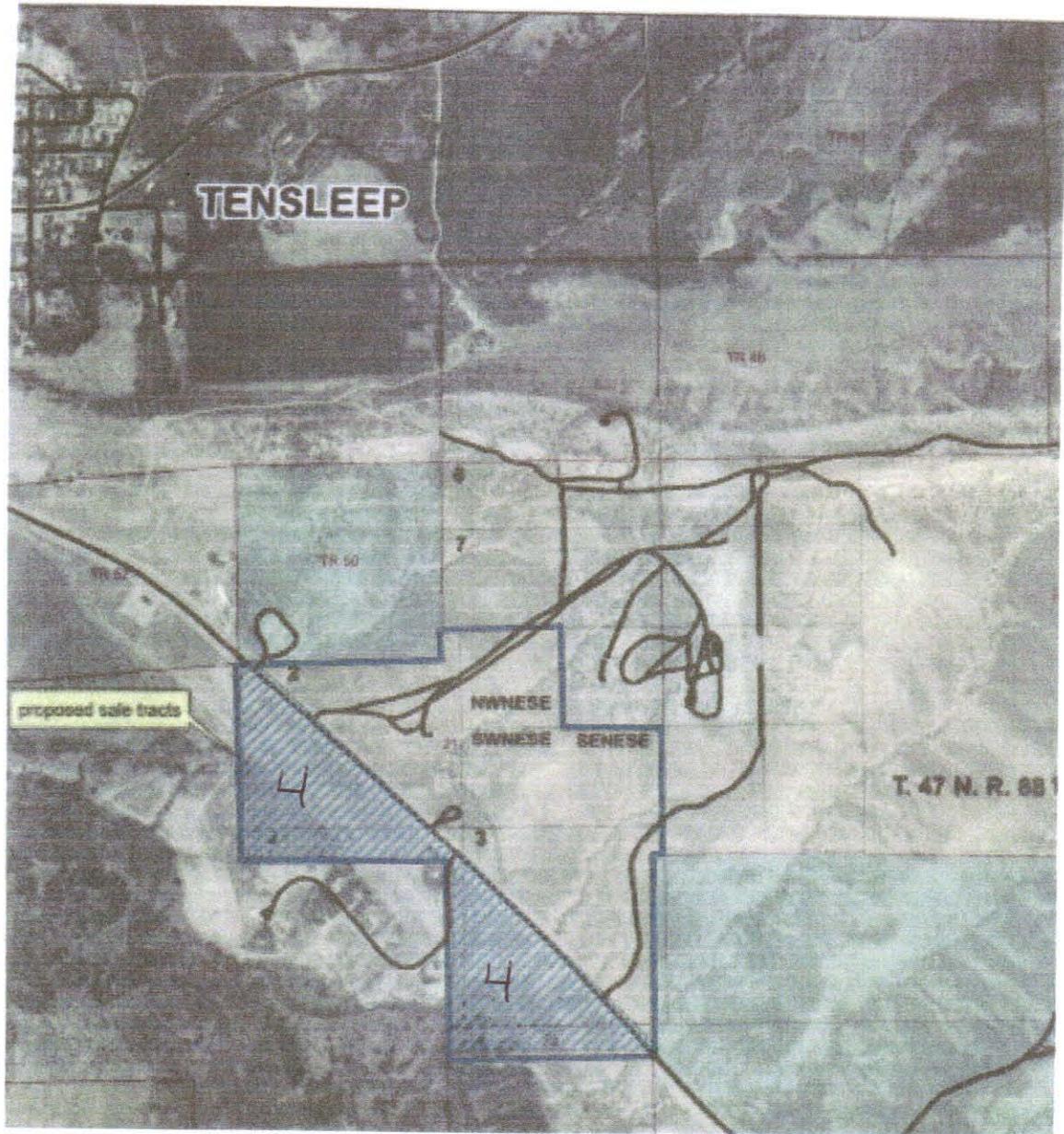
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## ATTACHMENT A BLM TRACTS

**Note:** Parcel 4 is of particular interest to the Town of Ten Sleep.



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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-5005

April 8, 2009

Eddie Bateson, Manager  
Wind River/Bighorn Basin District  
Bureau of Land Management  
P.O. Box 119  
Worland, WY 82401-0119

Dear Eddie,

The Town of Ten Sleep has requested I contact you on their behalf regarding the proposal they have submitted to purchase property from the Bureau of Land Management for an affordable housing project.

This effort is one which will both benefit the stewardship mission of the BLM and the local community's commitment to their fellow citizens, serving the needs of both groups in a constructive way.

While I realize there are procedures and protocols which must be followed in this matter, I appreciate that it appears both entities are working toward a transaction which will benefit all involved.

Please let me know if I can be helpful as you work through this process, and also don't hesitate to contact my Field Representative, Kendall Hartman, at 2 North Main Street, Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-672-6456, [kendall\\_hartman@barrasso.senate.gov](mailto:kendall_hartman@barrasso.senate.gov), as developments occur.

Best wishes,



John Barrasso, M.D.  
United States Senator

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-5004

April 3, 2009

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Karla Bird  
BLM Wind River/Bighorn Basin District Manager  
10 1 South 23rd Street  
PO Box 119  
Worland, WY 8240 1-0119

Dear Karla:

The Town of Ten Sleep is interested in purchasing a portion of several tracts of land that may be suitable for disposal. The tracts identified are located in T 47 N, R. 88W Sec 21 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4. The town is interested in the portions of these four 4 lots that lie on the south side of State Highway 434-to help stimulate the construction of affordable family housing. I urge you to give full and fair consideration to their request.

Affordable family housing and/or building lots are non-existent in or near the Town of Ten Sleep. This issue has led new-hire candidates at area businesses to reject offers because they were unable to find affordable housing for their families. The limited lots and home that are presently available are expensive, with a projected median income of less than \$50,000 per year in Washakie County, it virtually impossible for young families to own a home in the area.

The lots would be sold to people willing to establish permanent residence on the lot and construct a single family dwelling within a prescribed amount of time. The town would place appropriate legal restrictions on each lot sold to avoid having the lots go to speculators or people who weren't willing to establish the land acquired through this program as their permanent residence.

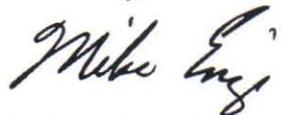
In order to achieve the goal of providing affordable housing the Town of Ten Sleep would like you to consider the direct sale option as outlined in CFR Ch. 11 Sec 271 1.3-3, with the price based on fair market value determined by an appraisal performed by a Federal or independent appraiser.

The Town of Ten Sleep would appreciate the BLM's support in solving this important economic issue for its citizens. By stimulating affordable housing in a timely manner, young families will be able to take advantage of available jobs provided by viable Wyoming companies that currently have a presence in Ten Sleep.

Karla Bird  
April 3, 2009  
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Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to your response on the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Enzi". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Michael B. Enzi  
United States Senator

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Representative Debbie Hammons  
Wyoming House of Representatives

March 16, 2009

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Eddie Bateson  
BLM Wind River/Big Horn Basin District Manager  
PO Box 119  
Worland, WY 82401-0119

Dear Director Bateson:

Since my election to the Wyoming House of Representatives in 2005, I have worked with other state legislators to address the critical need for affordable housing in Wyoming. There are multiple causes for this around the state; however, it is clear that in some communities it is related to the amount of public land surrounding the community, which is unavailable for development, and highly priced second home property, affordable only to individuals from outside the community. Ten Sleep, which is in the legislative district I represent, is just such a community.

For these reasons, I support "Resolution No. 84" of the Ten Sleep City Council. The town is unable to attract and keep workers for critical businesses and services because of the lack of affordable housing property. The BLM Wind River – Big Horn Basin District holds property that adjoins Ten Sleep, and the community is interested in buying this property at fair market value directly from the BLM. I fully endorse this request.

Your advocacy for this group of energized local officials would be greatly appreciated. The issue is critical to the area's long-term future, and your support is essential. Please let me know if there are additional ways in which we can help this process move forward.

Best Regards,

Debbie Hammons

Committee:  
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March 13, 2009

Mr. Eddie Bateson, District Manager  
 BLM Wind River/Bighorn Basin District  
 101 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
 PO Box 119  
 Worland, WY 82401-0119

Dear Mr. Bateson:

I understand that the Town of Ten Sleep is interested in purchasing a portion of several tracts of land from the BLM that is adjacent to the town in order to establish building sites for affordable family housing. TCT, the company that I work for, has had employees that have lived in Ten Sleep and have expressed the need for more housing. I also am a Board Member for Eleutian Technologies who experiences difficulty on a regular basis trying to house employees in Ten Sleep.

I strongly support the sale of this property to the Town of Ten Sleep. It will be good for the school if more people are able to be housed in the community, it will be good for businesses that want to have employees live in the area, and it will be good for economic development efforts. Ten Sleep is a very attractive small town that provides a nice setting for activities including business.

TCT also has adequate facility to easily provide connectivity for these new developments. We recently upgraded our facility to include a fiber connection to every house in Ten Sleep. I assume that these new subdivisions would also receive the same technology.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter Mr. Bateson. We eagerly await approval of this transaction.

Sincerely,

Chris Davidson  
 General Manager  
 TCT

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April 8, 2009

Eddie Bateson  
BLM Wind River/Big Horn Basin District Manager  
PO Box 119  
Worland, WY 82401-0119

RE: Affordable family housing for the Town of Ten Sleep

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposal presented to the BLM from the Town of Ten Sleep. This proposal concerns the direct sale of several parcels of land near the Town of Ten Sleep at a fair market value price. Local economic development entities have conducted studies showing that affordable housing has been identified as a priority for us to resolve in order to optimistically move forward economically. Finding housing in the Town of Ten Sleep is near impossible. Seeking affordable housing for families in our community is hopeless.

Having the opportunity for more families to move to our area would help the town immensely by solving many community challenges at once. This would improve the economy with the local business's in Ten Sleep that support our community year round. This would give us the opportunity to offer diversified employment and in return boost our community as a whole. This could increase our attendance, and talents at representing our school. We would be able to possibly have a full football team! New families would bring in fresh ideas and diversity. Positive growth is what our community needs most right now. By moving forward with this proposal it would give us one more step towards meeting our goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Kent Holiday", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kent Holiday  
CEO  
Eleutian Technology