



Little Snake River Conservation District
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July 17, 2008

Bureau of Land Management-WSO
PO Box 1828
5353 Yellowstone Road
Cheyenne, WY 82003-1828

RE: Protest of Land Offered in Sale of Oil and Gas Leases Pursuant to 43 CFR 3120.1-3

The Little Snake River Conservation District (LSRCD) hereby submits a protest to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) decision to offer parcels of land in the Little Snake River Valley described as: WY-0808-086 (377.610 Acres); WY-0808-093 (1039.740 Acres); and WY-0808-94 (1492.090 Acres).

The parcels proposed for sale are located in the heart of the Upper Little Snake River Valley east of Baggs, Dixon and Savery, Wyoming. The parcels incorporate deeded land. The parcels of land heretofore described are located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LSRCD who is a political subdivision of the State of Wyoming with responsibility to their cooperators as stated in Wyoming Statute at § 11-16-103 (a) and (b).

Statement of Reasons:

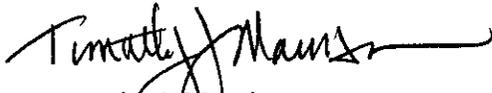
One of the reasons for our protest is due to the lack of any cumulative social and environmental impacts analysis being completed by the BLM on the federally managed and private lands proposed for development. The BLM has applied numerous conditions and stipulations to the proposed leases instead of conducting an environmental analysis of the impacts the development will cause on the renewable natural resources of the LSRCD.

Another reason is that the BLM continues to lease land for oil and gas development without a mandatory requirement for timely reclamation and the lack of analysis on the effects of watershed degradation, habitat fragmentation, vehicle traffic, dust, erosion, water pollution, conservation and disposal, and the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the Little Snake River Valley. Admittedly, the private landowners made a part of the proposed sale will be adversely affected by the development; and need more time to consider strategies for mitigation on the continued use of their private lands.

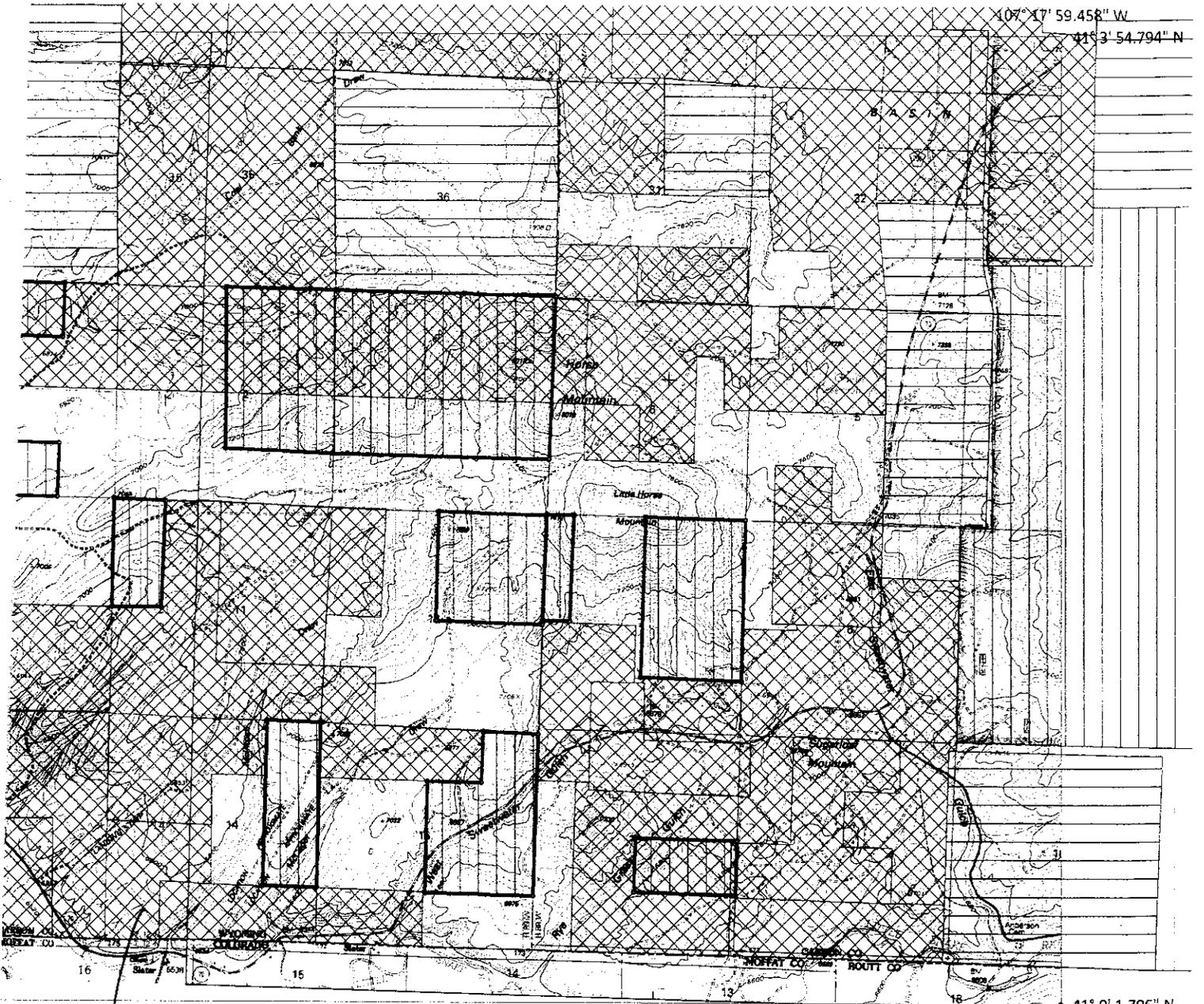
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Finally, as a local government, the LSRCD has cooperated and consulted with the BLM on the development of a resource management plan and environmental impact statements and assessments; however we were not allowed to comment earlier on the need for further analysis and a well thought-out, and qualified plan of development for the parcels we are protesting. While we support the responsible development of our oil and gas resources, we request that the parcels be withdrawn for a period of time in order to conduct an environmental analysis to analyze the development the leases could cause. It is important to be able to convey the information gained by the analysis into the future sale of the parcels which will in turn better serve the energy industry and the people of our community and the natural resources that they depend on. The LSRCD is willing to cooperate with the BLM to assist in the analysis of the proposed development; and the LSRCD is willing to assist future leaseholders in the responsible development of the parcels for oil and gas production.

Thank-you; and on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the LSRCD,



Timothy J. Morrison
NNRC-LSRCD

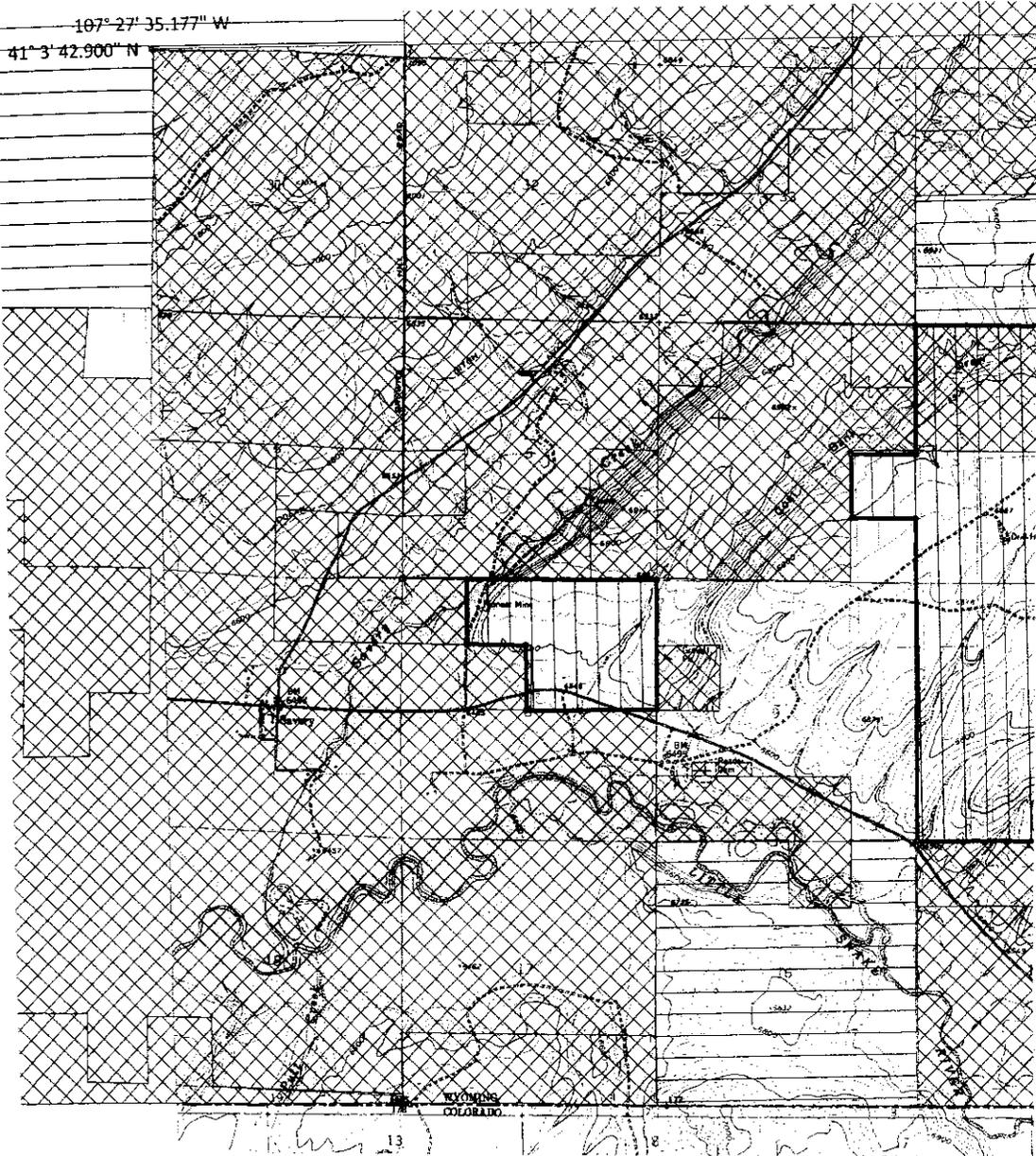


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41° 3' 42.900" N



40° 59' 49.839" N
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