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To the BLM Decision Makers:

I write to protest the following parcels listed in the August 4, 2008 Wyoming BLM Lease Sale:

- WY-0808-156,
- WY 0808-157,
- WY-0808-158,
- WY-0808-159,
- WY-0808-164
- & WY-0808-165.

I am especially concerned about those leases in critical habitat, those leases adjacent to private lands and those leases south of highway 191 and west of Little Mountain that I know are crucial wintering lands for Mule Deer and elk.

I urge you to withdraw these leases and recognize the value of these areas to wildlife and to local residents who have kept these "Crown Jewels" of Sweetwater County sacred for years. Is no place sacred for the BLM? What will we see next - drilling platforms on Flaming Gorge Reservoir?

An elk license in this area is a much desired "once-in-a-lifetime" experience. I have tried to get hunting permits there since I have been old enough to apply. Further, I worked on conservation projects with the Wyoming Game and Fish, Trout Unlimited, the Sweetwater County Wildlife Association. I am very concerned that this work will be undone by a short-sighted proposal like this.

Reviewing the map I am curious about the size, shape, and location of the parcels. I fear these parcels have been hand-picked by the oil & gas companies and you folks, as guardians of our public lands, are leasing them irrespective of their ecological values.

I believe this area to be fragile and never properly surveyed for threatened and endangered plant and animals. I have done water quality research in this area for the BLM, the Bureau of Reclamation and the University of Wyoming Water Research Center. I know, with the possible exception of Currant Creek above Currant Creek Ranch, that it has not been properly surveyed for water quality.

**PLEASE WITHDRAW THE ABOVE PARCELS AND ANY OTHERS THAT HAVE SIMILAR WILDLIFE VALUES FROM THIS LEASING PROPOSAL!**

Sincerely,

Craig Thompson  
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Rock Springs, WY 82901

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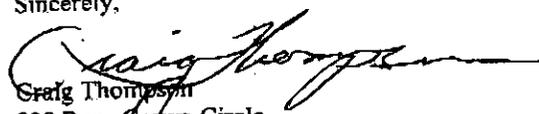
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