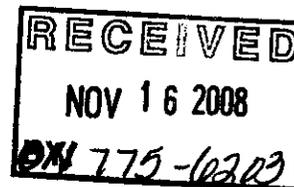


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Don Simpson, Acting State Director
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5353 Yellowstone Road
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Re: PROTEST OF DECEMBER 2, 2008 COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS SALE

PROTEST OF 14 PARCELS. SPECIFIC PARCELS PROTESTED INCLUDE: PARCELS WY-0812-177, WY-0812-178, WY-0812-179, WY-0812-180, WY-0812-181, WY-0812-182, WY-0812-183, WY-0812-186, WY-0812-187, WY-0812-188, WY-0812-189, WY-0812-190, WY-0812-191 AND WY-0812-192.

Dear Director Simpson:

I would hereby like to protest the inclusion of the above referenced parcels in the lease sale advertised by the Bureau of Land Management on October 17, 2008. I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale for the following reasons or at a minimum issued with no surface access:

1. In this technological age there is absolutely no reason for oil and gas companies needing to destroy the land like they have done in the Jona fields the issuance of these leases is just irresponsible.
2. Little mountain is one of the premier Hunting areas in the state of Wyoming.
3. The impacts of the proposed energy development would have irreversible effects on the wildlife ecosystem that has been managed by the state of Wyoming's game and fish for success.
4. I am all for drilling for energy and gas but to take an area like little mountain and allow it to be destroyed and its recreational potential diminished when the ability and technology exists for minimal footprints and ecological disturbance exists this should all be controlled and limited prior to the issuance of any leases.
5. Little mountain is a wonderful place to take the family for camping, hunting, and just getting away from the city, I shot my first Elk on little mountain almost 25 years ago and I would still like to have the chance for me to take my son out and teach him about the land the same way my father taught me, and give him a shot at a little mountain Elk, Destroying this very precious resource we have to access another resource is just irresponsible and poor management of land managed for the people. It's a bad trade off with out the proper restrictions on surface destruction and habitat protection.
6. I under the difficult job that BLM has trying to balance the public us of our public land's with the corporate energy entity trying to feed all our fuel needs. At this time there are plenty of leases already claimed and undeveloped throughout the state of Wyoming right now may not be the proper time to issue more in an area that will be so adversely impacted.
7. It is time to re-evaluate the land use of this part of the sate the last time this was done to the best of my knowledge was 1997, with the new technologies I believe it is time to redraw the lines which allow for surface occupancy and put these new technologies to use allowing both the oil and gas companies to get their product and allowing the public to still have places like Little Mountain to go that are not scared and destroyed.
8. The effects of this proposal, if approved, will be felt for many years to come. Felt so



much, that I can confidently say, things would never be the same. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of the land and conserve appropriately for future generations. We are charged with this duty and held accountable accordingly. This is not the right place for proposed oil and gas development. Not today. I urge you to remove these above mentioned parcels from the December 2, 2008 Competitive Oil and Gas Sale.

Respectfully,



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LEASE SALE ADVERTISED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ON OCTOBER 17, 2008. I
REQUEST THE ABOVE PARCELS BE WITHDRAWN FROM SALE FOR THE FOLLOWING
REASONS:

1. THE INTRUSION OF THIS LAST BASTION OF WILD FRONTIER WOULD BE IRREVERSIBLE
AND A GREAT LOSS TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. THIS IS THE PRIMO HUNTING AREA, PERIOD.
YOU CANNOT YET BALANCE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT WITH PRESERVATION OF A
TROPHY HUNT AREA LIKE LITTLE MOUNTAIN.

2. A DIAGNOSTIC LOOK AT THE LAND USE PLAN OF 1997 WILL REVEAL THE DELICATE
BALANCE AND IMPORTANCE THE PUBLIC TRIED TO FORSEE. THIS AREA IS RIGHT BETWEEN
A NO SURFACE ACCESS AREA AND A NO LEASE AREA. THE AREA IS TOO DELICATE TO
DEVELOP AT THIS TIME.

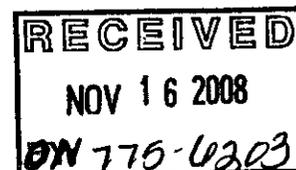
3. THERE ARE ENOUGH LEASES (TOO MANY) IN THIS AREA TO SEE IF WE CAN BE THE
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS WE NEED TO BE.

4. CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ARE TIMELY VENTURES. IT IS TIME TO CONSERVE
AND PRESERVE THIS AREA.

I URGE YOU TO REMOVE THESE PARCELS FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2008 SALE.

RESPECTFULLY,


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