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Don Simpson, Acting State Director  
Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office  
5353 Yellowstone Road  
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Re: PROTEST OF DECEMBER 2, 2008 COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS SALE

PROTEST OF 14 PARCELS, SPECIFIC PARCELS PROTESTED INCLUDE: PARCELS WY-0812-177, WT-0812-178, WY-0812-179, WY-812-180, 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 herby like to protest the inclusion of the above referenced parcels in the lease sale advertised by the Bureau of Land Management of October 17, 2008. I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale for the following reasons:

1. Multiple use should not mean Drilling is the best use of Crucial Wildlife habitat!
  - a. The greater Little Mountain Area is the recreational destination for many people. This area is irreplaceable. Hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and wildlife viewing are what I enjoy. Energy development would have irreversible affects that would be detrimental to recreational opportunities, and wildlife. This development would affect deer, elk, and antelope. This area is one of the most sought after hunt areas in Wyoming. With deep regret I think of a pristine landscape like this, and crucial big game habitat, permanently scarred by energy development. The area was a top fund raiser from local donors to improve the habitat for Wildlife. TWO MILLION dollars spent here since 1990 proves it. It is an INSULT to the public who have "put their money where their mouth is" that these parcels are even up for lease. The effects of this proposal will negatively influence the wildlife and the recreation this area currently offers.
  
2. Multiple use should not mean every use in every place!
  - a. The Bureau of Land Management has a TOUGH JOB managing the "Public's Land." If our Nation has got to the point where Corporate profit carries more value that Tourism or Recreation dollars in the BEST areas in Wyoming, it is a SAD day. Areas like this make living in Rock Springs a good place to be. If this area is reduced in Recreational value, gone will be many hunting opportunities for first time hunters who have limited time and means. We should consider future generations also. This is not the right place for proposed oil and gas development. Please remove the above parcels from the December 2, 2008 Competitive Oil and Gas Sale.

Sincerely,

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