

November 10, 2008

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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RECEIVED  
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

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, WY-0812-192.

Dear Director Simpson:

I hereby 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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale because they are unique in this high plains desert and bordering Flaming Gorge to the west, it is a crown jewel that must be preserved.

I am writing to protest all the Little Mountain leases scheduled for December 2, 2008. We have developed a great deal of the state but we need to take special care of the special areas. When gas company officials are quoted in the newspaper as saying "we won't make Little Mountain into another Jonah Field", that says a lot. I would like to think that the BLM was protecting me as well as protecting the gas companies. We've all seen what happens when they drill. I grew up in Utah and remember opening day, it was like a battle ground, and in Wyoming if you see someone else it is getting crowded. Little Mountain area is like that.

In New England, when most of this country's oil came from whale blubber, the fisherman had to go further and further to find whales and for some species they got the late whale. Little Mountain is like one of the last whales, let's protect it.

The joy I had when my youngest son shot his first bull elk off of Currant Creek is something I will never forget. It is a big area but we need to protect it. If you spend some time in the area you would want to do so.

Respectfully,



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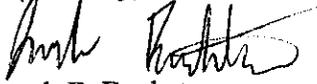
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1. are pristine wildlife areas where game is currently abundant.
  2. will never be the same if we allow drilling companies to "responsibly" develop them.
- I've worked in the gas patch and have seen the repercussions to both wildlife and their habitat. Even though the area I worked in was being developed "responsibly", it won't be the same for decades, and I wouldn't be surprised if that day never comes.

The BLM have shown time and time again how horrible of a job they do at protecting land from over development. They sat by and watched as the Jonah Field became of buzzing metropolis of trucks and pad wells and did nothing, but they expect us to believe that this time will be different. Drill all over the state if you want, I'm sure it will happen some day, but please Please PLEASE leave Little Mountain alone!!

Respectfully,



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