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Don Simpson, Acting State Director
Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office
5353 Yellowstone Road
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Re: Protest of Dec. 2, 2008 Competitive Oil and Gas Sale

Protest of 14 parcels. Specific parcels protested include: **Parcel WY-0812-177, WY o812-178, WY0812-179, 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 Oct.17, 2008. I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale because:

1) I feel that the Little Mt. and surrounding area is critical habitat for Elk, Deer, Antelope and other animals. This is their home the year around
All you have to do is to look at what has happened in the Pinedale-Big Piney-Boulder areas to see what will happen in the Little Mt. area AND THE Little Mt. area is a lot more fragile of an area. The Current Crick -Trout Creek streams could very well be adversely affected by these leases. This area is also very important to the state of Wyoming for hunting-fishing and camping and for the beauty of the area. We know that Benzine has gotten into the ground water in other parts of the state from drilling. The streams in this area are very fragile. There has been millions of dollars spent in this area on restoration projects are we going to throw this all out the window for oil?

2. 0This area has been designated by the BLM own Resource Management Team -Plan. Why in the world would you put this up for lease when it flies in the face of your own designation (Highly significant area worthy of protection). I feel there is over whelming reason to pull these leases off of the table. I hope the BLM will do the right thing for the Wildlife-Hunter-fisherman -Camper-Outdoorsman-and the General Public and take these leases and shelve them,

Respectfully Submitted,

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