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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, 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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale for the following reasons:

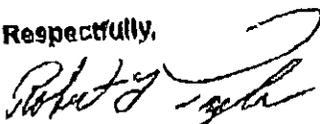
1. Our Home

As residents of the state of Wyoming, we have all chosen to live here for one reason or another. Some have come for employment opportunities, while others have come to escape the rat race that exists in more populated areas. No matter what a persons reason is for choosing to reside in Wyoming, for most of all of us there is a common bond that has to do with the landscape and its many benefits. These common bonds are starting to slowly disappear due to the development of oil and natural gas in the very heart of what many of us have come to call home for one reason or another. The greater Little Mountain area is close enough for many of us to spend a day outdoors whether it be hiking, camping, four wheeling, or enjoying the highly coveted hunting areas that are within its boundaries. The proposed lease sale could put an end to these benefits if the leases are approved. Wyoming is a very large and greatly uninhabited state with many oil and gas recovery possibilities. Why not develop some of the areas that are less desirable to the outdoor enthusiasts that have come to call Wyoming home?

2. Development is Reality

I understand that as the population of our country increases, the demand for energy also increases whether it be natural gas to heat our homes, gasoline to drive our automobiles, or coal to fire power plants that bring us electricity. It would be foolish to call for a ban on all oil and gas development in our state as that is what our economy here is largely driven by. However, there are some areas that must be kept sacred even if it doesn't quite let some energy company reach their profitability goals for a given time period. From what many of us have witnessed over the years, Wyoming has been extremely generous in giving up land for the advancement of our society, and it has come at a small price for the rewards that those whom have developed those lands have received. There are enough leases currently held to keep energy companies busy for twenty to thirty years while they are developed, and the greater Little Mountain area does not need to be added to the pile. As residents of Wyoming, we are grateful for the jobs that the energy industry has provided to all of us (directly or indirectly) but there comes a time when we must stand up and say that enough is enough. Greed is one of the main driving forces to our economy, and the development of oil and gas in the greater Little Mountain area is nothing but greed.

Respectfully,



Robert Taylor

