

November 16, 2008

Don Simpson, Acting State Director
BLM, Wyoming State Office
5353 Yellowstone Road
Cheyenne, WY 82009

RE: Protest of December 2, 2008 Competitive Oil & Gas Sale

Protest of 14 specific 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, WY0812-191 and 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 (BLM) on October 17, 2008. I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale because they are very critical wildlife areas. All of the above parcels are vital habitat for mule deer, elk, antelope and mountain lion. This is an area that is not only wintering grounds but also calving/fawning grounds as well as the summering local. My great-grandparents who pioneered in the Burnt Fork area have hunted this area as well as my grandfather, father, son and myself. This is a precious piece of real estate.

Another reason I stand against the above leases is the oil and gas industry hold enough leases in this area that have not been developed. I say before we have any more leasing, lets make sure that the oil and gas industry are going to be good stewards of the land.

My last reason against the leases are with exploration by this industry comes a huge amount of poaching. When the oil and gas workers move to an area with any wildlife the illegal game violations start occurring. I have read of them in the newspaper and I'm sure there are many more that do not even make print. I beg you to keep Wyoming and its wildlife wild for your family and mine, now and for the future.

Respectfully,

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