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November 16, 2008

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

Re: Protest of December 2, 2008 competitive Oil and Gas Sale

Protest of the 14 parcels. The 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 Mr. 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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale because these areas have a very high wildlife value to the people. This area is one of the prized areas in southwestern Wyoming for its beauty and recreational value. We have spent millions of dollars improving the area for wildlife and fishing and we want to keep it that way. If you allow drilling in these areas the wildlife will be pushed from the area because there are no longer any secure areas to hide. As seen from the photos from areas such as the Jonah field when the drilling is completed the area looks like it has been carpet bombed with all the roads and pipelines in the area. There will not be any area that is not crisscrossed with well pads, pipelines or roads leaving no place for the wildlife and very little if any scenic beauty. The oil companies have many drilling permits that they have not used yet and they need to drill those areas first and find ways to do it without destroying the area. When areas are drilled we need to have more public input on where the roads and pipe lines are to be put and how they are put in. The present plan of action is to let the oil companies do as they want once they get a permit for an area, and then they don't have to do anything to reclaim the areas once they are drilled. There are many areas around Rock Springs, Wy where drilling was completed many years ago and none of the areas have been reclaimed. The roads and well pads have been left as they were after the drilling if they are producing or not with not reclamation or improvement to the area.

Respectfully,  
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