

485 Rhode Island
Green River, WY 82935
September 11, 2008

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

Re: Protest of Dec. 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 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 I request these parcels be withdrawn from this sale for several reasons.

This area is just absolutely beautiful and tranquil. For our thirty seventh wedding anniversary we camped near Little Mountain. We saw a variety of wildlife during this time, including some wild horses. The truck traffic and noise would ruin the tranquility for other campers as well. This type of experience is one of the things that make Wyoming unique. People visit this state for its uniqueness, not for its oil wells! It was such a special experience that I will never forget, and I hope I get the opportunity to experience our fiftieth anniversary there under similar conditions.

Another reason I think these parcels should be withdrawn from the sale is that this is prime hunting area for many people in Sweetwater County. The proposed lease parcels overlap crucial habitat for deer, elk, and antelope. Eighty per cent of this area is already leased. Why not focus on these existing leases instead? Must we lease one hundred per cent of this area?

Respectfully,

Jan Harper
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Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Commission
Senator Barasso's Field Office
Wyoming State Representatives and Senators-local
Sweetwater County Commission

