

1050 Boulder Drive
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.

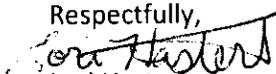
Dear Director Simpson,

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 I request these parcels be withdrawn from this sale for many reasons, including the economic impact it will have on southwest Wyoming and the devaluing of the quality of life we who live here would certainly experience.

Oil and gas development on Little Mountain would create an oilfield in a very special natural area. Many people travel here to hunt in the fall and camp and fish during other seasons, but almost no one would visit Little Mountain if it was developed for gas and oil production. This would certainly financially impact the surrounding Sweetwater County area, resulting in a loss of tourism dollars. Visitors to Sweetwater County spend a lot of money.

Historically, people in Sweetwater County recreate on Little Mountain. You can always find people camping, mountain biking, or fishing here. Oilfield and gas development would definitely ruin these experiences; we would have to travel to a distant location for these types of recreation. Indeed, the BLM's own resource management plan recognizes this area as a highly significant resource area worthy of protection. Leasing this area defies the agency's own management designation. We must not drill away our precious recreation areas; there are hundreds of thousands of acres we can develop with much less impact on our way of life.

Respectfully,


Lori Haster

Copy to: Governor Dave Freudenthal

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