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Don Simpson, Acting State Director
Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office
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Re: Protests 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, 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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale because the surrounding lands are too valuable to Wyoming and especially Sweetwater county as the currently exist. There are other resource values on public lands other those that contribute to energy development. Must we sacrifice one value for another?

The Little Mountain ecosystem, in which these parcels exist, is a unique and valuable wildlife resource to the State of Wyoming. The area supports a diverse community of wildlife including trophy populations of elk and deer. These wildlife values are not compatible with any level of energy development. I have repeatedly seen in the press that Devon suggest this development will not be like Jonah, but we all know this is lip service. The development might start out small but eventually the oil companies will keep coming back with infill requests. Eventually all the wildlife values that now exist in the Little Mountain ecosystem will be lost. There is nowhere else in the State of Wyoming to mitigate these wildlife resources once they are lost. The Little Mountain ecosystem is unique and should remain so.

I have hunted and fished in the shade of Little Mountain for 12 years now. I value the Colorado River cutthroat trout that inhabit several of the streams that start on Little Mountain. I also value the diversity of waterfowl that grace streams like Currant Creek. I have hunted elk many times over the years and have enjoyed much success. One hunt in particular was special because my grand daughter helped spot the herd from which my wife harvested a cow. My granddaughter was 6 years old. It is my sincerest desire that I will be able to hunt elk with my granddaughter on the flanks of Little Mountain in the future. Only your decision to withdrawal the December leases will make this possible.

Energy development is scarring the face of Wyoming. If we are not careful one day we will all wake up and our beloved Wyoming will be gone. Lost to the deep pockets of a few energy companies. The residents of Wyoming will have little to show for their lost heritage. I predict in

the not to far future natives, long time residents and new comers alike will not recognize this state. The values we all hold dear will have been sold the highest bidder. Lets work together and put aside at least some of the special places in Wyoming for future generations. Little Mountain is one of those special places. Please withdrawal the current leases and all future leases.

Respectfully,



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