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Don Simpson, Acting State Director
Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office
5353 Yellowstone Road
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Re: PROTEST OF DECEMBER 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 would hereby like to 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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale for the following reasons:

1. My personal feelings on the matter.

I have lived here in Green River, WY for almost 35 years and treasure the great outdoors in this wonderful state. I have been married to my husband, Jerry, for 29 years, and most of our most memorable outings have been on Little Mountain. We have camped, hiked, hunted, gone for family rides, and always enjoyed ourselves with the mountain. Some of our most exciting times have been with visiting family members from out of state and sharing what Little Mountain has to offer. All the wildlife that we have seen is just unbelievable to our guest. Every time my mother visits we try to take her up there. It is probable her most favorite outdoor spot. The sites we have seen there. The bull elk running on the skyline with a red hot sunset behind them is a site I will never forget. The area of Spring Creek where your drive up the road and on one side you see hundreds of does and their fawns (just like a nursery) and on the other side you can see bucks of all sizes just lying there enjoying there peaceful lives.

I myself shot my first bull elk on Little Mountain, with my oldest daughter and husband. I also drew 2 more bull permits after the first hunt. My oldest daughter was with me for my last one. Of course my daughter has not successfully drawn a permit but will keep trying. We all have such memories. I hope I will be able to hunt with my grandson some day and not just be able to tell stories. I do believe drilling on Little Mountain would be too negative for the pristine landscape and the wildlife.

2. Unbelieving

I personally cannot believe that we have invested 2.3 million dollars of our tax moneys and now our agencies are willing to just turn it over to oil companies so they can develop Little Mountain for oil and gas. To start with there are lots of other places in this wonderful state to drill. Not Little Mountain. I do believe in drilling and not being so dependent on foreign oil, but Not Little Mountain. This mountain is a very special place; there is only one place like it in the state of Wyoming and probable the world. There are millions of available acres of land to be bought yet and there millions of acres of land that have been bought and haven't been developed yet. WHY DO WE WANT TO SELL LITTLE MOUNTAIN FOR OIL AND GAS? The answer should be we aren't. Let's develop somewhere else PLEASE!

Also, we do not have the resources to keep an eye on these companies and their employees. They don't care about Wyoming like I do. And this concerns me. I work for a

big company and I know how the company and the folks lie and cover up booboos. No matter how big or small. I know Little Mountain will never be the same if you let this go on. I know you will put limitations on these companies, in my opinion there will never be enough to make it worth it to drill on Little Mountain. Please hear my voice. NOT LITTLE MOUNTAIN!!!!!!

Respectfully,

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I have been resident of Sweetwater County for the past 47 years. I first visited the little mountain area in the late 1960,s and found it to be a rare oasis among the desert and Bad Lands that make up Sweetwater county. I have hunted, fished, camped, Hiked, and photographed this area for the past 30 sum years. I have grown to appreciate this area for its natural beauty and have pasted this on to my two daughters now in there twenties teaching them to respect and treasure this natural resources.

What troubles me about the sale of these leases is that now I have to tell my daughters that respect for these recourses goes for them but not the BLM and oil companies that wish to develop them.

This area is a special place that needs to be set aside and not developed for oil and gas but held as a wild place.

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1. My personal feelings on the matter.

I have been born and raised here in Green River/Rock Springs, Wyoming and some of my earliest memories have come from Little Mountain. My favorite picture is of my father over looking Clay Basin on a ride out to Little Mountain when I was only three years old. The first off road trip I took in my very first truck was to Little Mountain. One of my childhood friends wants to have his ashes shed over Little Mountain. Every year around July 1st the only thing I want to talk about is who out of my friends and family may have the opportunity of a lifetime to hunt an Elk, Deer, or Antelope out at Little Mountain. My Best friend Michelle and I take yearly trips to look for antler sheds out on Little Mountain. Just ask anyone that is close to me, where is the one place on this earth that makes Tamera Shoup happy, and they will say LITTLE MOUNTAIN. It is where I go to be alone, hear the wind blow past my ears, take pictures of an undisturbed landscape, watch the deer frolic, listen to a coyote howl.

2. Unbelieving

Any person who sees fit to the sale of this land is only destroying, wiping out, annihilating, and spoiling a pristine and truly breath taking area of this earth that God has given us. To think of what will happen to Little Mountain after the sale of these parcels, not only makes me sad but brings tears to my eyes. It would be like losing a life long friend that I can rely on anytime I need. I know you may not understand, where I am coming from but do understand that my heart is in this letter and this land that you are about to take from me, and not only me but my new nephew, my unborn children and their children. I have had the privilege of being on my mother first elk hunt and feeling the adrenaline that courses through your veins. However, you are choosing to take my FUTURE memories away from me.

How dare you as a fellow Wyoming Native speak for everyone and destroy what is dear to us. I have tried to live in big cities and what brings me home is the thought of standing atop Little Mountain and looking as far as I can see. Not hearing a thing. Not seeing a soul, and knowing I can go there when ever I need. How dare you sell this land to someone that has no respect for our way of life. I have seen first hand how they tear out the land. Place structures of metal with loud noises, bright lights, and polluting effects right in the middle of a meadow. What if I were to come and place a spot light that was pointed straight in your front room, made a humming noise that kept you up all night, and to top it off you had some out of town "jerk" that chose to bring his gun or dog to work with him and they sat right outside your home, all day, all night, no relief! You say that you will implement laws, environmental rules, standards, but who will make sure on a daily

basis these are with held? YOU?

I say NO! No to the sell of this land! NO to the sell of MY LAND! I live in Wyoming for a reason, and you Sir are just about to give it away. And for what?????? Please tell me for what?

I SAY NO, NOT LITTLE MOUNTAIN!!!!!

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From: Gary Lord, Membership Coordinator

Date: November 17, 2008
Pages: Twelve Including Cover Sheet

Regarding: Protest of December 2, 2008 Competitive Oil and Gas Sale

Comments: Dear Director Simpson,
The following are letters of protest forwarded to this office that we were unable to confirm had been sent to your office. Please find a total of nine letters from:

Tom Ortega, Rock Springs
Victor Flores, Green River
Hector Flores III, Green River
Hector Flores, Green River
Mary Flores, Green River
Kelly Moffett, Green River
Dennis Gage, Rock Springs
Tamera M. Shoup, Rock Springs (2 pages)
Chris Plant, Rock Springs (2 pages)

If you have indeed received these, please disregard and forgive the redundancy.

Thank you,
Gary Lord
Membership Coordinator