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Don Simpson, Acting State Director
BLM Wyo - ~~State~~ Office
5353 Yellowstone Rd
Cheyenne Wy 82009

Re: Protest of Dec 2, 2008
Competitive Oil + Gas Sale

I protest 14 parcels. Specific parcels protested include: 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I hereby request that the above named parcels be withdrawn from sale and not be included in bi-monthly sales hereafter. I protest the sale of these parcels, (Little Mt. Unit, Sweetwater Co. Wy) on the basis of their overwhelming value as a recreational area almost beyond comparison. This area is a stronghold of most of Wyoming big game species and dozens of other

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birds + mammals that get less attention
While boating on Flaming Gorge Reservoir
this last weekend, fishing for big Makinaw
trout, I saw a flock of crossbills
come down to the lakes edge for water
at the foot of Little Mt. If you not
aware, crossbills are an uncommon type
of finch that travel hundreds + hundreds of
miles between summer + winter areas. I feel
very lucky to see 1 group of these birds a
year. They count on the negative diversity
and clean water an area like this has to
offer. Never in my lifetime (54 yrs old)
have I seen them perched on a drilling
rig. My point is, sights such as this and
areas such as this have a scenic and aestetic
value I cant put a dollar value on, and
neither should you.

But to turn the tables for a moment,
I'm sure the BLM is looking at dollar
values. According to recently published info.
~~Two~~ more than ½ million dollars in riparian
restoration projects have been funded by private
groups. The Wyo. Game + Fish has spent (licence
fees) $351,000 in controlled burns and habitat
improvements. Should this all be bulldozed
over and throw away forever?

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Everyones watching on this one!
a drilling rig here, a drilling rig there
not a big deal until a large gas or oil
field is discovered, then transporting
pipelines have to be laid to get it out.
That is more guaranteed leases and then
the whole area becomes another
Jonah Field.

I make my living as a welder,
repairing + fabricating drilling rig equipment.
If we have to live without 18,000
acres of land not being explored in the
area, I'm sure I'll still be able to make
a living, and so will you.

Thank you for your time and
allowing me to state my case!

Respectfully,
John Thomas

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