

1710 Utah Way
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 I request these parcels be withdrawn because of the impacts these lease sales would have to this pristine area. Little Mountain is the Yellowstone of this region.

Many people in this region of Wyoming hunt, fish, and camp on Little Mountain. Oil and gas development, with its well pads, increased noise, water and air pollution will terribly degrade these experiences. Indeed, who would want to camp or hunt or fish in an oilfield? Increased human activity brought about by oilfield work will likely drive wildlife away, perhaps to much less desirable habitat (like Utah), perhaps to be road kill along Highway 191.

The elk herd in the Little Mountain area provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for trophy bull elk. So many people from all over the nation compete for special licenses on Little Mountain that one only has a 6% chance of drawing a license every year. Energy development on Little Mountain would certainly bring new roads and pipelines, reducing cover security for all wildlife, increasing elk vulnerability, and decreasing trophy size. Little Mountain must remain as natural as possible for the enjoyment of the people who live here.

Respectfully,


Dan Parson

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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

