

Monday, November 17, 2008

Don Simpson, Acting State Director
Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office
5353 Yellowstone Road
Cheyenne, WY 82009

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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:

As a lifetime resident of Sweetwater County I object to the inclusion of the above reference 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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale for the following reasons:

Little Mountain along with nearby Pine Mountain are the two forested crown jewels of Sweetwater County. Since these forested crown jewels lie near the edge of the nearly 10,500 square miles of treeless desert that comprises the majority of Sweetwater County, they are held sacred by the residents of Sweetwater County. For generations, Sweetwater County residents have hiked, fished, hunted, cross-country skied, snowmobiled and enjoy the wonders of nature that we have been blessed with on these mountains, and now they are being threatened with oil and gas development – especially Little Mountain.

With the increasing demand for energy development, our County is losing its natural character and we are losing our ability to guide our destiny. We are the resident caretakers and guardians over this land. To us this land is not some abstract legal description with merely a profit potential. Rather it is like a hearth to our home. We are the land and the land is us. What you do to one you do to the other. This land defines us.

With the above listed pending oil and gas leases threatening to forever change the scenic beauty, and natural values of Little Mountain, I must vigorously and completely oppose the sale of the all the above listed Little Mountain leases and any and all future energy leasing, sale and development on both Little and Pine Mountains.

If you have any questions concerning my opposition to these sales or the importance of Little and Pine Mountains to me, please contact me directly at 307-705-4691.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Wyoming Senator John Barrasso
Wyoming Senator Mike Enzi
Wyoming Representative Barbara Cubin
Wyoming State Representatives and Senators
Sweetwater County Commission Board Members: Debby Dellal Boese, and Randy Walker