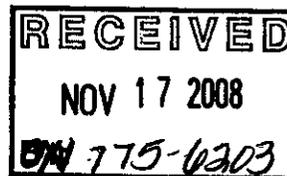


November 14, 2008

Don Simpson, Acting State Director
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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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale for the following reasons: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. The lease of these parcels is irresponsible and short-sighted

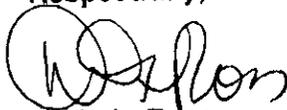
It is absolutely irresponsible for the Bureau of Land Management to lease the above parcels for oil and gas exploration and development. The action represents a continued backward-looking focus on energy development that has been a cornerstone of the BLM's approach to land management: energy development at the expense of the natural environment and of the people living in Wyoming communities. At a recent town meeting I attended, a BLM representative admitted to the fact that the process by which Oil and Gas Development companies applied for Permits to Drill had been expedited due to complaints by those companies that their requests had been "taking too long." And yet, the time allotted for Public Comment on development and lease sales remains inadequate for citizens to voice their concerns and be heard. This is unacceptable! The purpose of the BLM is to manage our public lands and if our lands are being prioritized for the development of a few companies in line to make a huge personal profit while ignoring the needs of the community who require clean air, clean water, and healthy wildlife to maintain our quality of life then something is tremendously out-of-line.

2. The development of this area ignores Little Mountain's rich environmental, cultural, and historical heritage that the residents of Wyoming have cherished for generations.

Little Mountain is an environmental and recreational gem and, if the activity in the Jonah field is any guide to what is at stake, it will be transformed into a tangled web of roads, polluted holding ponds, and a 24/7 stream of oil-field service equipment that will forever alter the serenity and biodiversity that the area has been known for. The BLM in Pinedale did not take the environmental needs of their community into consideration when they granted the extravagant leasing in their area and the resulting environmental degradation has drawn the attention of not only area newspapers but also the Bush Administration's EPA. Given the tremendous de-regulation that the Bush Administration has been known for, the EPA's involvement speaks volumes about how poorly managed oil and gas development has become in this state.

There is too much to loose in developing Little Mountain. Countless hunters and anglers use the Little Mountain area in a respectful manner, valuing the diversity of wildlife that exists in that area. Future generations need to be able to experience this beautiful piece of their natural heritage, an experience that will be *impossible* if the area is allowed to be developed. It is about establishing our priorities and making sure that those priorities see beyond the short-term greed of a few well-connected oil companies. This is about the future of our community, our environment, and our recreational values. Little Mountain has been a huge part of our past and we want it to remain a central part of our future and the future lives of our children and grandchildren. There is TOO MUCH at stake in this area. STOP THIS LEASE SALE AND STOP IT IMMEDIATELY!!!

Respectfully,



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