

November 12, 2008

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

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

Protest of 14 parcels. Specific parcels protested include: Parcels 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 I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale because they represent potential additive impacts to the wildlife habitat, wildlife resource, and recreational opportunities in the Little Mountain ecosystem.

I have had the privilege of working in this area of southwest Wyoming for 14 years and have dedicated nearly 25,000 hours of my life trying to protect and preserve this specific wildlife resource. These offered parcels represent the small remaining percentage of public land not currently leased for oil and gas development in the Little Mountain area. These parcels also lay adjacent to the west side of US Highway 191. Much of the Upper Sage Creek drainage (where many of these parcels are located) is clearly visible from this busy road. In my years here, I have observed hundreds of vehicles each year parked along this highway. Locals and tourists alike stop to view and photograph the unblemished scenery and the abundant wildlife. How many will stop to photograph and admire drilling rigs? Please **PERMANENTLY** withdraw these and **ALL REMAINING** un-leased parcels of public land in the Little Mountain ecosystem from future leasing for oil and gas development. I want my children and others to enjoy Little Mountain as it now exists.

Respectfully,



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cc: Governor Dave Freudenthal
BLM, Rock Springs Field Office
Wyoming State Representatives and Senators (local)
Sweetwater County Commission

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