

Date: November 12, 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 of October 17, 2008. I request the above parcels be withdrawn from sale because they: 1) are a source of recreation and sport for Wyoming residents and visitors, and 2) are the home to many species of wildlife.

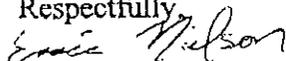
The parcels of land specified above, and ALL of Little Mountain, are priceless treasures in Sweetwater County. Little Mountain provides a source of recreation and activity like no other in this area. If Little Mountain succumbs to oil and gas wells, its value is gone forever.

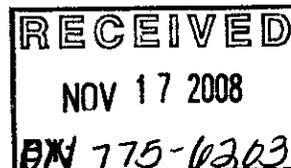
I have to ask you, Director Simpson, if you've ever been to Little Mountain? Have you seen the breathtaking views of the Flaming Gorge below? Have you camped or hiked or hunted there? Have you ever taken visitors there to show off what we have in Wyoming that no others have? Before you make a decision that could destroy these lands for eternity, we'll be happy to show you around. We all know that Sweetwater County doesn't have the appeal of Jackson, so please don't take the best thing we have away from us.

I also have to ask you why the BLM doesn't heed the advice of the people it serves? Why did the BLM overrule the 73,000 people in Colorado regarding the Roan Plateau planning area? Is it greed? Corruption? Something sounds very fishy. Also sounds like the Bush administration is playing dirty pool...they're just plain dirty. Are you going to play dirty pool, too?

In closing, as someone else in this community said, you have to be the one to live with your decision. If you let the money-hungry oil and gas companies take over all of our land, you'll be the guy in the history books that will be known as the person who destroyed Wyoming. Or, you could be the "good guy" who saved what Wyoming is and what it stands for. You have to be the one to look people in the eye. We'll see if you do the right thing.

Respectfully


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