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5-13-09

Re: Protest of June 2-09
Competitive Oil + Gas Sale
Protest of (1) parcel
Parcel WY-0906-076

Dear Director Simpson:

I hereby protest the inclusion of the above referenced parcel in the lease sale advertised by the B.L.M. I request this parcel be withdrawn from the sale on the basis of this area is part of one of the top big game hunting areas in the state. I have never drawn this area for deer or elk, but hope to some day - maybe this year. Fragmentation of otherwise large foraging - wintering + migrating corridors is something the wildlife and the citizens of Wyoming can no longer tolerate. This parcel is part of the greater Little Mountain

I am a welder by trade and I fully understand the multiple use concept. My livelihood depends on oil/gas + mining leases. Before the BLM and other agencies lease plots, you folks need to go out to these parcels and look for yourself exactly what is on the "chopping block" There are miles + miles of BLM territory that is no where near as sensitive to wildlife issues as the Potter Mt. tract.

This parcel has already been identified by the BLM's Resource Managment Plan as "a highly significant resource area worthy of protection" This parcel being put up for lease is a direct contradiction of your agencys own management designation.

You folks wouldnt catch near as much "flak" if it appeared that the right hand knew what the left hand was doing.

Please permanently remove this parcel from the lease.

Thank you for your time + consideration!

Sincerely
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