May 15, 2009

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

Re: Protest of June 2nd Competitive Oil and Gas Sale.

Protest of 1 parcel. Specific parcel protested include: Parcel WY-0906-076

Dear Director Simpson:

I hereby protest the inclusion of the above referenced parcel in the lease sale advertised by the Bureau of Land Management. I request the above parcel be withdrawn from sale because:

1). I work at the Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge for two summers while attending Western Wyoming Community College and I think that I learned a little bit about what habitat means to wildlife. From what I can see the above listed parcel is located with prime sage grouse habitat needed to help sustain a declining sage grouse species. Please remove this parcel from the lease sale for the sake of the sage grouse.

Respectfully,

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