



BLM New Mexico State Office
Attention: State Director
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Re: Protest of Proposed March 2019 Oil and Gas Lease Sale by the Bureau of Land Management's Farmington, Rio Puerco and Pecos District Carlsbad Office

Dear State Director Spisak:

The American West is facing an unprecedented assault from the oil and gas industry. This February and March, 2.1 million acres in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming are slated to be sold for industrialized fracking. WildEarth Guardians members are submitting the following public protest letter in response:

“I am writing to express my opposition to your plans to auction away public lands to the oil and gas industry this February and March.

In Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming, you are putting vast tracts of our public lands on the auction block for fracking. Your proposed oil and gas lease sales would sacrifice more than 2.1 million acres in total to the oil and gas industry. This is not an acceptable use of our public lands and I urge you to reconsider.

The Bureau of Land Management is under no legal obligation to lease public lands for oil and gas development. Our public lands are a vital resource. They help sustain clean air and water, provide wildlife habitat, provide unmatched outdoor recreation opportunities, and are vital for protecting our climate.

Your plans to lease public lands in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming to the oil and gas industry this February and March are an affront to this nation and its legacy of public lands. The American West should be protected, not auctioned away to the fossil fuel industry.

Please cancel your plans to lease public lands for fracking this February and March.

I request that you address my comments and include my letter in the record for your proposed lease sales.”

Please find enclosed the names and addresses of 4,867 Americans who are submitting this public protest to the Bureau of Land Management New Mexico state office protesting the March 2019 lease sale of the 37 nominated parcels listed:

Farmington Field Office parcels: - NM-201903-010, NM-201903-011, NM-201903-012, NM-201903-013, NM-201903-014, NM-201903-015, NM-201903-016, NM-201903-017, NM-201903-024, NM-201903-025, NM-201903-026, NM-201903-033, NM-201903-037, NM-201903-038, NM-201903-039, NM-201903-040, NM-201903-041, NM-201903-042, NM-201903-043, NM-201903-044, NM-201903-045, NM-201903-046

Rio Puerco Field Office parcels: - NM-201903-009, NM-201903-018, NM-201903-019, NM-201903-020, NM-201903-021, NM-201903-022, NM-201903-023

Pecos District Carlsbad Office parcels: - NM-201903-001, NM-201903-002, NM-201903-003, NM-201903-004, NM-201903-005, NM-201903-006, NM-201903-007, NM-201903-008

Sincerely,



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