



Protecting people and their environment from irresponsible oil and gas development in the Delta County region of Colorado

BLM EXTENDS COMMENT DEADLINE TO APRIL 20TH
ON 30,000 ACRE/22 PARCEL EA
FOR THE NORTH FORK VALLEY LEASE SALE

Due to requests from the public, CHC, and Sens. Bennet and Udall, the BLM has extended the final public comment deadline on the 30,000 acre/22 parcel Environmental Assessment (EA) to April 20. Even though the deadline was extended, we need to keep up the pressure on BLM and get them to withdrawal all 22 parcels from the lease sale. It is disappointing that the agency did not withdraw all of the parcels in the recently released EA, especially after receiving nearly 3000 comments during the first opportunity for public comment. It is no surprise that the agency is taking a "business as usual approach." If you have not yet sent in a letter, please send your comments today!

SAMPLE LETTER TO BLM

BLM Uncompahgre Field Office
ATTN: Oil and Gas Lease EA
2465 S Townsend Ave
Montrose CO 81401

OR via email to: blm_co_ufo_leasing@blm.gov

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

Please accept my comments on the Environmental Assessment regarding the August 2012 oil and gas lease sale. (***"I am a resident of..."***, or ***"I live adjacent to parcel #"***, or ***"My family has farmed/ranched in this area for ___ years"***, or ***"I work in the ___ business."***)

I support the No Action/No Leasing Alternative that will result in the withdrawal of all 22 parcels and all 30,000 acres in the proposed lease sale.

The 1989 Resource Management Plan did not analyze the impacts of horizontal hydraulic fracturing because this technology did not exist when the Plan was written. As a result, BLM must analyze the impacts of horizontal hydraulic fracturing in this EA.

BLM cannot put off analyzing the impacts of oil & gas development until some future date. All impacts must be analyzed before selling the right to develop the oil and gas in these parcels.

BLM must prepare a more detailed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Negative impacts to agriculture located in the North Fork Valley are unacceptable and must be fully analyzed prior to leasing.

The EA must include an analysis of the socio-economic impacts to the North Fork Valley. ***(Provide BLM with your personal story about how your livelihood depends upon maintaining the health of our community.)***

(If you sent a letter to BLM during the scoping comment period in December/January, tell BLM that you want to "incorporate by reference" your previous letter.)

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration,

(Your Name & Address)

It is also very important to send a copy of your letter to:

President Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington DC 20500

Submit your comments electronically by using the form found at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments>

Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
US Dept of Interior
1849 C Street NW
Mail Stop 6628
Washington DC 20240

Senator Michael Bennet—Submit your comments electronically by using the form found at:

<http://bennet.senate.gov/contact/>

- For "Message Topic" choose: Energy
- On the line "Subject of Your Message" enter: North Fork Leasing
- Copy your letter and paste it into the box that says "Comments"

Senator Mark Udall—Submit your comments electronically by using the form found at:

http://www.markudall.senate.gov/?p=contact_us

- For "Topic" choose: Energy
- On the line "Please type the subject of your message" enter: North Fork Leasing
- Copy your letter and paste it into the box that says "Please type your message"

State Senator Gail Schwartz: gail.schwartz.senate@gmail.com