

BLM RELEASES FINAL EA ON NORTH FORK VALLEY LEASE PROPOSAL

We are disappointed that the BLM is proceeding with leasing 20,555 acres in 20 parcels throughout the North Fork Valley at the Feb. 2013 lease sale. The BLM's *Final Environmental Assessment*, released on Nov. 16, 2012, still fails to protect important resources in the North Fork Valley. Please urge the BLM to withdraw all parcels from the Feb. 2013 lease sale. Your voice is critical to applying pressure to remove every acre from the lease sale. Please send your comments to BLM today!

SAMPLE LETTER TO BLM

State Director Helen Hankins
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Steven Hall, Communications Director
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Re: February 2013 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

Dear State Director Hankins,

Please accept my comments on the Final Environmental Assessment regarding the February 2013 oil and gas lease sale of parcels in the North Fork Valley.

(TELL THE BLM YOUR PERSONAL STORY AND WHY YOU ARE OPPOSED TO THESE LEASES! "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 urge BLM to withdraw all 20 parcels and 20,555 acres in the North Fork Valley from the proposed lease sale. The BLM should focus on completing the Resource Management Plan revision for the Uncompahgre Field Office. The updated plan should recognize and protect the important resources that exist in the North Fork Valley today. (PERSONALIZE THIS PARAGRAPH - talk about the resources that matter most to you. Towns, recreation, water issues, organic agriculture, wineries, hunting and fishing, etc.)

BLM's 1989 Resource Management Plan is obsolete and inadequate for conducting this lease sale. BLM cannot delay 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.

(Provide BLM with your personal story about how your livelihood depends upon maintaining the health of our community.)

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration,

(Your Name & Address)

Send a copy of your letter to:

- Marcilynn Burke, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
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1849 C Street NW Mail Stop 6628
Washington DC 20240
- Mike Pool, BLM Acting Director
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OR US Mail: BLM Washington Office
1849 C Street NW, Rm. 5665
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”
- U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton – Submit your comments electronically by using the form found at: <https://tipton.house.gov/contact-me/email-me>
 - For “Topic” choose: Energy
 - Copy your letter and paste it into the box that says “Text of message”
- State Senator Gail Schwartz: gail.schwartz.senate@gmail.com
- State Representative Millie Hamner: millie.hamner.house@state.co.us

WHERE CAN I READ THE ENTIRE FINAL EA?

To read the complete *FINAL Environmental Assessment* go to: <http://tinyurl.com/bzk3ubg>.