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INFORMATION NOTICE PROTESTS FILED

On November 14, 2014, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) Utah posted a Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale (“the NCLS”), which identified parcels of land that BLM Utah proposed to offer for oil and gas leasing at the competitive auction scheduled for February 17, 2015 (“February 2015 Lease Sale”). The NCLS also provided notice of a 30-day public protest period for the parcels that the NCLS proposed to offer at the February 2015 Lease Sale.

During the aforementioned public protest period, BLM received five letters that protested parcels that the NCLS proposed to offer for oil and gas lease at the February 2015 Lease Sale. The five timely-filed protest letters for the February 2015 Lease Sale were submitted by the following organizations: (1) the National Park Service (“NPS”), (2) the National Parks Conservation Association (“NPCA”), (3) the Utah Rock Art Research Association (“URARA”), (4) the National Trust for Historic Preservation, jointly with Friends of Cedar Mesa, and the National Parks Conservation Association (collectively “NTHP”), and (5) the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, jointly with Grand Canyon Trust, and Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively “SUWA”). In addition, following the conclusion of the 30-day public protest period, BLM received a jointly-filed letter from WildEarth Guardians and Rocky Mountain Wild (collectively “WEG”), which also protested certain parcels that the NCLS proposed to offer at the February 2015 Lease Sale. In total, twenty-eight of the parcels that the NCLS proposed to offer for oil and gas leasing at the February 2015 Lease Sale were protested.

The five timely-filed protests of the February 2015 Lease Sale have all been dismissed because all of the parcels protested by those protests have been deferred from offering for lease at the February 2015 Lease Sale. The protest submitted by WEG was dismissed on account of the untimely filing of that protest. Additional information regarding the protested parcels for the February 2015 Lease Sale has been provided in the table below.

Protested Parcel	Field Office	Protested By						Acres Proposed for Lease in NCLS	Acres Offered at Lease Sale
		NPS	NPCA	URARA	NTHP	SUWA	WEG		
UTU90941 (UT0215 – 032)	Monticello			x				756.38	0
UTU90942 (UT0215 – 033)	Monticello		x	x				363.62	0
UTU90943 (UT0215 – 034)	Monticello			x				1,040.0	0
UTU90944 (UT0215 – 035)	Monticello		x	x	x			1,120.00	0

Protested Parcel	Field Office	Protested By						Acres Proposed for Lease in NCLS	Acres Offered at Lease Sale
		NPS	NPCA	URARA	NTHP	SUWA	WEG		
UTU90945 (UT0215 – 038)	Moab					x		320.00	0
UTU90952 (UT0215 – 051)	Monticello	x	x					640.00	0
UTU90953 (UT0215 – 052)	Monticello	x	x					479.31	0
UTU90954 (UT0215 – 053)	Monticello		x					2,212.18	0
UTU90955 (UT0215 – 054)	Monticello		x					1,477.56	0
UTU90956 (UT0215 – 055)	Monticello		x					40.00	0
UTU90957 (UT0215 – 057)	Moab					x		1,735.10	0
UTU90958 (UT0215 – 058)	Moab					x		2,160.00	0
UTU90959 (UT0215 – 059)	Moab					x		2,560.00	0
UTU90963 (UT0215 – 065)	Moab					x	x	1,485.76	0
UTU90964 (UT0215 – 084)	Monticello				x		x	797.89	0
UTU90965 (UT0215 – 085)	Monticello			x	x	x		1,484.64	0
UTU90966 (UT0215 – 087)	Monticello			x	x	x		1,600.00	0
UTU90967 (UT0215 – 090)	Monticello	x	x	x	x	x		1,120.00	0
UTU90968 (UT0215 – 091)	Moab					x		1,440.00	0
UTU90969 (UT0215 – 096)	Moab						x	640.00	640.00
UTU90972 (UT0215 – 100)	Monticello				x			442.20	0
UTU90973 (UT0215 – 101)	Monticello				x			1,198.28	0
UTU90974 (UT0215 – 109)	Monticello		x		x	x		72.68	0
UTU90975 (UT0215 – 110)	Monticello		x		x	x		2,481.77	0
UTU90976 (UT0215 – 111)	Moab					x		476.45	0
UTU90978 (UT0215 – 113)	Monticello			x	x			710.00	0
UTU90979 (UT0215 – 114)	Monticello		x	x		x		873.69	0
UTU90980 (UT0215 – 115)	Monticello	x	x					440.00	0