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You may remember that you have seen some of the attached comments before. We attempted to deliver them directly to you after we missed a laughably short and inaccessible official comment period for the December lease sale. Your staff wouldn't let us finish with our delivery. They collected some of the comments before we could read them out loud and we can't know that they didn't proceed to put them straight in the trash. Figuratively, this seems to be your standard approach when the public calls to keep fossil fuels in the ground.

We know, these comments were originally written for the December lease sale, not the March lease sale. We are choosing to submit them again because they express sentiments that don't go away with the close of a public comment period or the completion of a sale.

We know, these comments also are not specific to parcels that are on the chopping block like you would like them to be. Instead, they pertain to any and all public land in Utah. This is why we have submitted them to every Field Office involved in the March lease sale.

Comment:

We know, these comments also are not technical like you would like them to be because we aren't opposed to your actions based on technicalities. Instead, we don't feel the leasing of any public lands for oil and gas is acceptable. Hard stop.

For these reasons, we realize that you will most likely not recognize our comments as legitimate. Similarly, we don't accept your process as legitimate.

When will you stop sowing the seeds of ever-increasing climate chaos? When will you start working with us to create a livable future?

With gravity and sorrow,
A Large and Angry Portion of The Public

Attachment: [Letter and Comments.pdf](#)

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Original Submission Files

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Re: Protest of December 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

We are writing in protest of the immoral and irresponsible sale of public lands for oil and gas extraction. We know that there are official avenues we are supposed to use to submit our complaints. However, those processes are inaccessible and futile. For the December lease sale, the BLM failed to hold a meaningful or adequate public commenting period. We don't represent official organizations and we are expressing more than technical concerns about specific parcels. Instead, we are the people of so-called Utah, and we are protesting this entire process.

Science shows we must take urgent action in the next twelve years to prevent catastrophic climate change. Rather than listening to science and the demands of the public, you have instead led the largest sacrifice of land in the past decade. You are taking us backwards while accelerating the warming of our climate at a deadly pace. This is not a far away crisis. Climate change is happening here and now. In 2018, Utah experienced its driest year on record. Foreseeing this crisis in March, Governor Herbert asked faith leaders to pray for snow. We need more than prayers, though. We need to keep fossil fuels in the ground.

You have tried to sell away our future behind closed doors, but your attempts to silence us will not succeed. We are rising in defense of the land, water, air, and our communities. We demand that you stop leasing public lands to the fossil fuel industry. The actions you take will determine the health and safety of young people and future generations. We deserve a livable future.

With hope,

Brooke Larsen, Uplift Organizer

Jill Merritt, Elders Rising Executive Director

Kathryn Albury, Elders Rising

Sandy Cornell, Concerned Utahn

Carol Fiore, Writer

Rachel McKinnie, Concerned Lover of Nature

Jessica Kemper, Concerned Utahn

Sasha Lagano, Floridian

Brett Carroll

Aarn Rothey, Concerned Utahn

Katie Pappas, Concerned Utahn

Mark Baron, Utahn

Steve Pappas

Richard Anderton, Utahn

Julie Gomes, Concerned Utahn, Parent, and Grandmother

Joan Gregory

Josee Stetich, Westminster College Environmental Science Major, Born and Raised Utahn

Craig Simmons, Concerned Utahn

Susan Stetich

Vickie Brunstetter, Concerned Utah Grandparent

Julie Hancock, Utahn

Cecilia Foster

Sarah Askew, Flagstaff Resident, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant

Eric Caroffino, Flagstaff Resident

Hiram O'Connor, University of Utah

Ashley O'Connor

Sarah Stock, Canyon Country Rising Tide

Michelle Wentling, University of Utah Graduate Student, Torrey House Press

Annuet Soehnlén, Morehead State University

Gabriele Regenhardt, University of Utah Student

Max Granger, Canyon Country Rising Tide

Harry Holland, Castle Valley Resident, Concerned Utahn

Lotti Wann, Concerned Utah Resident

Winifred Smith, Moab Resident, Concerned Utahn

David McLean, Concerned Utahn

Kay McLean, Concerned Utahn

Loraine Lovell, Concerned Utahn

Kim Fessenden

Leslie Danielle Brown

Lindsay Beebe, Utahn

Veronica Egan, Teasdale Resident

Diane Allen, Concerned Utahn

Nicole Milavetz, Macalester College

Erin Mundorf, Watershed Protection Specialist, Ohio

Thomas Mader, COL(R) US Army

Pavla Kopeckova, University of Utah, Research Professor Emeritus

Marc Bubar, Canyon Country Rising Tide

Casey Clifford, Concerned Utahn

Vonda Wentling, Concerned Citizen

Robert Phillips, Moab, Scientist and Father

Brad Thacker, Be The Change USA, Father and Concerned Earthling

Michaelene Pendleton, Moab, Concerned Utahn

Claire Adler, Concerned Utahn

Karinne Knutsen, Chaplain

Forrest Cuch, Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Ute Elder

Carly Jones

Nicki Wharton, Sugarhouse Resident, Concerned Utahn

Angela Castle, West Valley Resident, Concerned Utahn

DelAnne Jessop Haslam, Utah Resident

Eileen Mayhew, Concerned Utahn

Jennifer Hurlbut, Brigham Young University Staff

Travis Zebe

Kevin Allred, Salt Lake Community College, Former Congressional Candidate

Julia Warner, University of Utah, Artist and Designer

Megan Mangum, Sandy Resident, Realtor

Michelle Gonzalez

Carol Fiore, Writer

Desiree Thompson, Provo Resident, Born and Raised Utahn

Teresa Tate, Concerned Utah Citizen

Wendy Blankenship, Salt Lake City, Educator

Alexa Jaramillo, New Mexico Resident, Student

Bill Ing, Utahn

Debra Hodges

Elijah Amodt, Salt Lake City, Concerned Utahn

Collin Smith, Former Utah Resident, Marketer

David Cole, Provo Resident

Stephanie Hamborsky, Canyon Country Rising Tide, Organizer

Jason Robichaud, Concerned Utahn

Kara Kornhauser, Westminster College, Student and Great Salt Lake Institute Researcher

Pinar Bayrak-Toydemir, University of Utah Professor, Concerned Utahn

Deena Fullmer, Spanish Fork Resident, Concerned Utahn

Brent Blackburn, Utahn

Neslihan Colley

Eric Dumas, Concerned Utahn

Shellie Waters, Concerned Utahn

Johnny Umberger, Kamas Resident, Senior Software Engineer

Marnae Coleman, Sandy Resident, Mother of 5

Doris Adebajo, Concerned Pennsylvanian

Cali Bulmash, Canyon Country Rising Tide Organizer

Ian Wade, Daybreak, Treasurer

Summer Vazquez, University of Utah Student

Zoe Zeerip, Westminster College Sustainability Coordinator

Ryan Pleune, Public School Teacher

Judy Lord, Concerned Utahn

Jesse Cox, Senior Citizen, Utahn

Kathy Park, Concerned Utahn

Marissa Martinez, Westminster College, Student

Victor Diaz

Nicole Page, Westminster College, Student

Ryan Murphy, Westminster College, Student

Katelyn Hale, Westminster College, Student

Ian Johnson

Tommy Creigh

Seamus O'Connor

Tit Stante

Lincoln Hudson

Ariel Campos

Sarah Smith

Ainsley Furness

Taylor Wright, Westminster College, Student

Morgan Pecknold

Nigel Stein, Westminster College, Student

Jesse Stein

Teyanna Kaibetoney

Victoria McSmith, Westminster College, Student

Cory Shipp, Westminster College, Student

Peter Fronk

Hayley Chaffee

Tabitha Edson

Abby Paine

Sarah Conologue, Westminster College, Student

Tony Nickerson

Kate Rathfon

Natalya Van Etten

Lainee Miller

Eliza Van Dyk, Westminster College, Student

Marianna Espinoza, Westminster College, Student

Daniel Chan, Westminster College, Student

Adrienne Aguila, Westminster College, Student

Mikenzie Hendricks, Westminster College, Student

Ryan Krugg, Westminster College, Student

Sophie Caligiun, Westminster College, Student

Lewis Westbrook, Westminster College, Student

Mindy Braga

Hailee Lamueaux

Faith Staley

Kiyan Banuri, West High School, Student

Kenny Nelson, West High School, Student

Mishka Banuri, West High School, Student

Olivia Juarez, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Latinx Organizer

Ryan Beam, Uplift Community Member

Anders Hart, Utah State University, Student

Logan Hastings, University of Utah, Environmental Club

Becky Blankenship, Photographer

David Maack, Utahn

Jared Meek, Columbia University, Conservation Biologist

Jesus Freire, Utahn

Cheryl Walden

Sue DeVall

Elizabeth Weight, Utah House of Representatives

Dustin Cook, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I oppose oil and gas leasing on public land because fossil fuel development builds the infrastructure of climate chaos.

With Urgency and Heart,

Jill Merritt, Elders Rising

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Please stop giving OUR land away for a buck. Shame! Stop Raping the Planet when we have technology and solutions to do better and create sooo many jobs. #ProtectTheFourElements it is what EVERYTHING needs to survive onn this planet. SHAME!

With Urgency and Heart,

Sandy Cornell

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Our first step to slow climate change must be ending the use of fossil fuel; please consider my grandchildren's future--end extraction of fossil fuels on public lands.

With Urgency and Heart,

Kathryn Albury, Elders Rising

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

We are the first generation to fully understand the climate problem and the last generation who can do something about it. Keep the oil and gas in the ground, protect our already disappearing wildlife, and preserve our beautiful public lands.

The science is clear. Your actions are killing the planet.

With Urgency and Heart,

Carol Fiore, Writer

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

We should be focusing our time and energy on sustainable solutions, not drilling for more oil and degrading the little wild land we have left.

With Urgency and Heart,

Jessica Kemper, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I, as a citizen of the United States, demand that this sale stop immediately. This is public land and not for sale!!

With Urgency and Heart,

Aarn Rothey

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I oppose oil and gas leasing on public lands. Climate change is happening and, according to a recent report published by the current administration, will be extremely harmful for the planet and everyone on it. It is irresponsible to continue oil and gas leasing when fossil fuels are the main contributor to this change

With Urgency and Heart,

Brett Carroll

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Please do all you can to preserve or federal lands in as natural a way as possible. Discourage mining especially oil and gas to help protect our Air!

With Urgency and Heart,

Mark Barone, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

We need to think the future. Finding ways to add more dirty air to our environment is working against our planets ability to sustain us. Investing in renewable energy is a better way!

With Urgency and Heart,

Richard Anderton, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

As someone dedicating my studies to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, I believe it is irresponsible to allow the sale of oil and gas leases in a time where our younger generations are forced to live with the aftermath of climate change that comes from the burning of fossil fuels. It is our responsibility to preserve these stunning landscapes for the health of our ecosystems and for the enjoyment of our children.

With Urgency and Heart,

Jossee Stetich, Westminster College, Environmental Science Major, born and raised Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I care about the climate, public health, clean air and clean water. I care about irreplaceable landscapes, wildlife habitats, and a sustainable, regenerative economy that will support all families now and in the future. Please end all oil and gas leasing on public lands to begin the transition to sustainability for us all.

With Urgency and Heart,

Joan Gregory

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

The oil and gas industry will soon be passe, obsolete. Our public lands will be forever. Have the integrity to follow the will of the people instead of corporate interests.

With Urgency and Heart,

Craig Simmons, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

We need to be more forward thinking and putting out money and resources into sustainable energy for the sake of the next generation. I want my grandchildren to have clean air and water and the ability to enjoy ALL the amazing public lands for recreation and to gain an appreciation of the restorative power of nature.

With Urgency and Heart,

Vickie Brunstetter, Concerned Utah grandparent

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

The short sighted policies that you are administering, including rampant leasing of oil and gas across the west, put all of our communities at risk. Climate change is a real force that is beginning to alter our world in shocking ways. We can see it from the 19 year drought in the Colorado River Basin to the mass die off of mountain forests and intensified wildfire seasons. We should be taking steps to decrease our production of and reliance on fossil fuels, not leasing sacred land to continue on this path of destruction. I assume, as a staff member of the BLM, that you are aware of climate change and the impact it is having on our public lands. I encourage you to take responsibility in this matter and use your influence and your voice to stop fossil fuel production on public lands. We need to do this.

With Urgency and Heart,

Sarah Stock, Canyon Country Rising Tide, Organizer

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I oppose gas leasing on public lands because fossil fuel development destroys the health of many generations and costs tax payers the exorbitant amount required to clean up the toxicity created by mining industries.

With Urgency and Heart,

Sarah Askew, Flagstaff/Colorado Plateau Resident, Speech-language Pathologist Assistant

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I oppose the leasing of public lands for oil and gas because the want of money has no place in the wilderness of our wondrous country. We need our public lands, and it needs all of our help.

With Urgency and Heart,

Annuet Soehnlén, Morehead State University, Student

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

The notion that the United States should expand oil and gas drilling efforts is antiquated and short sighted. Continuing to invest in such practices is detrimental not only to water resources, air quality, general public health, and local ecosystems- it has an even larger impact on surrounding local municipalities. The matter of fact is that oil and gas have a history of repeated boom and bust cycles, yet never in the same place. While drilling may provide a handful of jobs to local economies over the next 2-10 years, once the oil and gas have been extracted to their full potential, a town or city will lose a major employment center forever. In the wake of oil and gas drilling will be a suffering community without a self-supporting regenerative economy and abandoned rigs on an otherwise pristine and stunning landscape. In addition to local displacement, the compounded effects of investing in oil and gas rather than investing deeper in other energy technologies will continue to contribute to the eventual displacement of hundreds of thousands as coastal areas experience more extreme cases of flooding and the west sees further drought and wildfires due to rapidly accelerated climate change due to human activity. If developing viable and robust economies is the goal of both the State of Utah and the United States of America, we need to end the exploitation of our land.

With Urgency and Heart,

Gabrille Regenhardt, University of Utah

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I want a future for the young children living today. We cannot ignore climate change and the role fossil fuels have in creating changing weather patterns and climate changes. Storms are getting more severe, droughts more persistent, and wildfires more destructive. Please invest in the future of our planet and future children. A living wage is important to be sure, but there are other ways to make a living besides investing in dirty fuels that will destroy our home. Please stop denying how serious global climate change is for the survival of the human race. Planet Earth will survive without humans, but humans need Earth to continue their lives. Please, please try to be good stewards for our future.

With Urgency and Heart,

Winifred Smith, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

These are sacred lands that need to be protected for future generations.

With Urgency and Heart,

Lotti Wann, Concerned Utah Resident

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

PLEASE we only have ONE chance. Save our lands now for future generations.
Save our air.

With Urgency and Heart,

Lorraine Lovell, Very Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I love these public lands in Utah and the keep me coming back and spending money in the local economy. Also, I am worried that this continued development of oil and gas threatens the economic security of the country.

With Urgency and Heart,

Kim Fessenden

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I am writing to express my opposition to weakening the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in Utah. I request that you press pause on submitting a petition that requests a new rulemaking process to the Secretary of Agriculture until you properly engage Utahns and consider science.

Utah's roadless forests provide numerous ecological and social benefits. Roadless areas provide clean drinking water for millions of Utahns and pristine, intact habitat for many species, including bears, elk, bighorn sheep, and moose. Roadless areas are often the backdrop of many popular recreation destinations across the state and support a thriving tourism and hunting and fishing industry. Building roads and conducting commercial logging in national forest roadless areas threatens our drinking water, wildlife, recreation opportunities and tourism industry.

The other states that have sought changes to the roadless rule spent years collecting public comment and holding public meetings to ensure citizens were properly engaged from the outset. By contrast, Utah's petition is being developed largely behind closed doors on an extremely abridged time frame, with little to no opportunity for meaningful public input.

Our forests are critical for our citizen's well-being -- this we can agree -- but weakening the roadless rule on an expedited timeline is not the route to healthy forests and healthy communities.

Thank you for considering this letter.

With Urgency and Heart,

Veronica Egan

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Offering up hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands to private extraction companies is unconscionable when roughly 70% of all current leases go unused. There is absolutely no need to sell our legacy to the lowest bidder, other than dogmatic adherence flawed management practices that overvalue extractive industry interests. Additionally, the current IPCC report and the Fourth Governmental Assessment on Climate Change both highlight catastrophic impacts due to fossil fuel extraction and use, the consequence of which will cost Americans billions of dollars in lost economic earnings. As a public agency you are tasked to follow the best available science, and work to meet the needs of your constituency. You have failed on both counts. Proffering fossil fuel leases on public lands is neither in the best interest of the public, nor demonstrated as a clear and urgent need. As a resident of Utah, I spend a majority of my free time hiking, camping, and visiting our public lands. It is why I live here. Recognize that the best use for public lands is to allow them to provide vital ecosystem services and a place for communities to learn and grow together.

With Urgency and Heart,

Lindsay Beebe, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

There are sooooo many reasons that oil and gas leasing on public lands is wrong and bad! Everything from detrimental effects on our relatively clean air and water, views from National Parks, and impacts on wildlife to - the most important, I believe - contribution to global climate change. HOW can we possibly leave this earth to future generations with NO concern for its health? Stop it now!!

With Urgency and Heart,

Diane Allen, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Public lands should not be drilled on!

With Urgency and Heart,

Erin Mundorf, Watershed Protection Specialist

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I am opposed to oil and gas leasing on public lands because of the damage it will do to the air I breathe, the water we all drink, and the land I love. The land which none of us "own" and therefore do not have the right to sell. The oil and gas industry is corrupted, a festering eruption of greed and disease, bankrupt of spirit, that which is the connection for which our souls plead. Please do not allow them to steal and destroy more of the earth.

With Urgency and Heart,

Marc Bubar, Canyon Country Rising Tide

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Our public lands should not be sold to the highest bidder for two major reasons:

- 1.) They are the property of all Americans and not just oil and gas companies.
- 2.) Utah has very significant problems with air pollution and we don't need more wells and the associated methane.

With Urgency and Heart,

Thomas Mader, Retired Physician and US Army Colonel

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Please end oil and gas leasing on public lands! We are destroying our air water and land for present and future generations.

With Urgency and Heart,

Casey Clifford, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I reside nearby Hatch Point and Lisbon Valley well sites. These drill rigs and active well sites have impacted my viewshed, our air quality (with foul sulphur odors), our quiet and I am concerned about our dwindling water supply being impacted with multiple drill holes.

With Urgency and Heart,

Cassie Paup, Grand County Resident, Concerned Citizen

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Further fossil fuel leasing will continue us on the road toward a "hothouse earth" disaster that would threaten our civilization and the lives of our children, according to the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (Proceedings, July 2018). We should be putting all of our efforts into solar, wind, and geothermal energy development, electric vehicles, more efficient heating, etc.--not fossil fuels. Leave oil, gas, and coal in the ground!

With Urgency and Heart,

Robert Phillips, Scientist and Father

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Utah's natural environment can not afford to be cut up and dug and pumped out for the satisfaction of the oil industry! The beauty of this land and it's riches will quickly erode if these actions take place. We cannot afford to put in place action which will give temporary wealth and reward to just a few! Please stop this auction NOW!

With Urgency and Heart,

Vonda Wentling, Concerned Citizen

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

The facts of climate change are well established and the evidence is stark. We must keep fossil fuels in the ground - our survival depends on it.

With Urgency and Heart,

Brad Thacker, Be The Change USA, Father and Concerned Earthling

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Oil prices are at a low point. It makes better environmental and financial sense to leave it in the ground until it is needed. Short term profit does not benefit the people of our state, especially those of us who depend on recreational lands for our town's income.

With Urgency and Heart,

Michaelene Pendelton, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

It's time to be smart, & think of the health of all beings & earth as we make decisions. We can let go of fear as we move into less harmful technologies. We are already doing it & let's stay committed to the path of least harm. Thank you

With Urgency and Heart,

Karinne Knutsen, Chaplain

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Climate change is accelerating, and oil drilling only aids its process. I want a livable future.

With Urgency and Heart,

Claire Adler, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

There has to be a more deliberate and thoughtful process to this development. There has been too much careless and willful destruction of these, our lands. Stop contributing to rising the temperatures on our planet due to excessive fossil fuel development. Climate change is real and must be acknowledged. Do not think you can get away with this destruction. Consider the current changes in our weather patterns and the strength of our storms, drought conditions, and other extreme phenomena.

With Urgency and Heart,

Forrest Cuch, Uinta and Ouray Reservation, Ute Elder

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Utahns already suffer from poor air quality. For the sake of future generations, this must stop!

With Urgency and Heart,

Angela Castle, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

It is time to move past oil and gas energy in order to save our air. Our air cannot handle any more byproducts of oil and gas consumption. Please help our air.

With Urgency and Heart,

Jennifer Hurlbut, Brigham Young University, Staff

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I am opposed to further environmental destruction for limited use energy on public lands. In particular many of the areas that are up for auction have delicate ecosystems, and fauna that depend on clean air, soil, and water. Along with pollution potentially harming people in the area. Water and wind will always spread these contaminants. We have too many toxic energy sites abandoned, and running as it is in our state. Many areas up for lease are areas of public recreation which would ruin the landscape for potential visitors. We are able to make healthy economies in the area from recreation with no need for more damaging oil and gas extraction on public lands. These are precious lands and vulnerable. We should be looking for more environmentally supportive means for energy or it's not the right choice. Thank you for listening.

With Urgency and Heart,

Eileen Mayhew, Concerned Utahn

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Travis Zebe

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Utah is already in the top ten for worst air in the nation. Utah has already sold out the Western mountains of salt lake county to complete ruin. Utah has sold out the point of the mountain to Geneva, and the northern salt lake area to horribly damaging industries. We have allowed the continual dumping of radioactive waste in our back yard. When does it stop? When will the public health matter. When will the environmental health matter? When will you stop allowing our greatest landscapes and attractions to be desecrated?

With Urgency and Heart,

Kevin Allred, Former Congressional Candidate

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Keep it in the ground! Please stop destroying our beautiful Mother Earth. She is the only one we have and we need to stop cutting her open before it's too late.

With Urgency and Heart,

Megan Mangum, Realtor

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Please be considerate of those who have full time or multiple jobs who are not aware of the political process by which the federal government leases public lands, specifically for oil and gas extraction. Please extend comment periods and educational initiatives that are designed to raise awareness around the use and decision making around public lands. Utah has a lot of it and the process by which public land is spoken for should be a public process- one that is widely publicized, widely discussed, and open to comment from all sectors of the community. Community meetings, polls, surveys, door to door, anything helps in educating people about how public lands are used and what their options are. No meetings and no outreach about the matter is equivalent to taking action without public input. The public process takes time and requires consistent and repetitive outreach. People, specifically people who are inherently connected to public lands through their ancestral and cultural practices, (such as Native American tribal peoples) should be allowed to understand the options and have a way to voice their input.

With Urgency and Heart,

Julia Warner, University of Utah, Artist and Designer

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

We need to move towards sustainable energy for the future of all the people and all other forms of life.

With Urgency and Heart,

Alexa Jaramillo, Civilian, Human Being, Student

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Once our public lands are corrupted with pollution it will never recover. When you are through with destroying the earth, who is going to clean up the mess you leave behind and remove the garbage that will be abandoned? The cost to retrieve these pollutants and what will be denied to the public forever doesn't equate. Please leave the native territory's and public lands alone and for all further generations to enjoy. Thank You!

With Urgency and Heart,

Debra Hodges

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,
In a state that consistently has air pollution levels worse than that found in major cities in China, we can't afford to allow the industrial waste from extraction methods and continued practice of oil usage. Additionally, and just is importantly, this land was designated land for the people and should have never been permitted to private companies for profit. There are major economic and ecological benefits to be gained in a Green New Deal which benefits citizens locally and all life on Earth as a whole. Per more and more scientific findings in the field of climate change, we are running out of time to make significant changes in the oil and coal industries let alone already falling short of the milestones set to mitigate the already disastrous results of a two degree increase in our global temperatures. Enough is enough, we can't allow the financial gain of the already affluent few outweigh the health of all life on our planet. All the money in the world can't buy a new world. Even oligarchs and oil executives have grandchildren and unless we change course in a major way, it's those same children that will be fighting wars over water and suffer significant health issues from poor air quality. This is not hyperbole, please read any of the findings among the 99% consensus of climate scientists and even those scientists hired by the Koch corporation.

Our children's futures are in your hands. Your grandchildren can't breathe nor eat the cash that you're seemingly amassing for their benefit.

With Urgency and Heart,

Elijah Amodt, Concerned Utahn

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It is unacceptable that in an era when there is broad consensus that burning fossil fuels is driving climate change and the United States has some of the largest surpluses of oil and gas ever that the BLM would be offering our nations most iconic lands to the highest bidder for the extraction of these death-causing fuels.

With Urgency and Heart,

Collin Smith, Former Utah Resident, Marketer

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Leave our public lands alone. Seek renewable energy sources and leave the coal and oil in the ground. Stay out of Native American sacred grounds.

With Urgency and Heart,

David Cole

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

In the midst of imminent climate catastrophe, continuing to lease public lands to companies interested in extraction of finite resources is a travesty. Utah contains some of the most stunning, unique, and precious geological features and countless sacred indigenous sites. We must preserve public lands now more than ever. I vehemently oppose the leasing of lands to oil and gas companies on December 11th.

With Urgency and Heart,

Stephanie Hamborsky, Canyon Country Rising Tide, Organizer

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

Utah has leased enough of its land to private interests and without the addition of fossil fuel extraction is already a large enough contributor to pollution and climate change. If we are going to lease land which we should not as it belongs to the public, it should not be land that grants mineral or resource rights ; unless the resource happens to be sunlight or wind for renewable energy production.

With Urgency and Heart,

Brent Blackburn

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I feel in the longterm this would ultimately be a mistake and ruin much of what makes Utah so appealing.

With Urgency and Heart,

Eric Dumas, Concerned Utahn

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

This is a decision that needs more consideration! Please put it off for now and let's talk about it more. The responsibility of people in leadership is to really hear both sides. It feels like you are rushing to sell these lands off before the tide turns the other direction, instead of making a good, well thought out plan That takes into consideration many points of view and by debating, comes up with a win-win solution. A solution That will set up the future to be in a better place instead of a possibly worse place.

It Makes me sad to see oil pumps and fracking beds so close to Dead horse point and other places that I have spent my life loving, hiking, exploring, letting the beauty of the red desert take my breath away every single time I see it!

In recent years as I have visited national parks, And seen the crowds and throngs of people enjoying nature, it's obvious as the population grows we need more open natural spaces and not less, otherwise what is the point of life?

I'm sure there are other sources of gas and oil, don't turn our beautiful Utah into a wasteland.

With Urgency and Heart,

Marnae Coleman, Mother of Five

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

These lands belong to ALL citizens of the United States. As a citizen co-owner I do not approve of the sale of any part of the national parks. These lands should be preserved for future generations to enjoy in their natural state. The land also need to be preserved for the endangered wildlife that needs this land to survive.

Besides this, these lands are historically and culturally important to the USA and to native Americans and should not be disturbed.

There is no excuse that could possibly validate sale of any portion of these lands - not to ranchers for grazing or to oil and gas corporations or for any other exploitation of the land's natural resources!

With Urgency and Heart,

Doris Adebajo, Concerned Pennsylvanian

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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

I live in between Arches National Park and Bears Ears Monument, in the heart of the Colorado Plateau. The Trump administration's determination to sell off our public lands via leases to transnational corporations, usually at basement prices, is of grave concern to me. Each quarter, hundreds of thousands of acres across this state are being offered up for oil and gas drilling. This amounts to a staggering total of over 420,000 acres in 2018 alone, right next to important landmarks such as Canyonlands NP and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area just to name a couple. As I stated I live here, and it is of great concern to me because we live in an era of climate change, which translates to extreme drought across the state. Allowing oil and gas drilling not only puts are already precious water resources at risk, but also our perpetuates climate change, air pollution, wild life habitat degradation, and disrupts irreplaceable landscapes. Salt Lake already has some of the worst air quality in the country in the winter. We deserve to be working towards solutions to the existing pollution verses creating new sources of toxic contamination via fracking and drilling. I have seen the effects of the boom and bust cycles of the oil and gas industry. Our communities deserve not only clean air, water, and soil, but regenerative economies that provide consistent employment. We demand that the BLM end all leasing of public lands for oil and gas drilling now.

With Urgency and Heart,

Cali Bulmash, Canyon Country Rising Tide, Organizer



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Dear State Director Ed Roberson,

We need to reduce the use of carbon fuels to preserve the planet for future generations. Oil and gas leases on lands that are under legal dispute for trump's questionable shrinkage of national monuments should remain in their current condition until the monument boundaries are resolved by the DC court hearing the case.

With Urgency and Heart,

Ian Wade, Daybreak, Treasurer



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Summer Vazquez, University of Utah, Student

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Please leave the lands alone. Let them be stay rich in their intrinsic value.

With Urgency and Heart,

Zoe Zeerip, Westminster College, Sustainability Coordinator

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We don't have to live like there's no tomorrow. The battle waged by the private against the public will undo us all to extinction -- needlessly! With all the resources we have, especially human resources, we could be enjoying existence instead of living in high anxiety in castles, siloes, besieged, outcast, homeless and subject to fate instead of reason, justice and consistent behavior, always on the verge of global catastrophe. Oil and Gas Leases on Public Land in 2018 is crazy, willfully ignorant and woefully regressive.

With Urgency and Heart,

Jesse Cox, Senior Citizen, Utahn

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Stop the madness. Think about your children.

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Judith Edelstein, Concerned Citizen
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I oppose oil and gas leasing on public lands because our public lands are not replaceable. It is also a waste of money to drill for more fossil fuels as it is a dying industry.

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Jesus Freire

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NO to increasing climate changing oil and gas extraction on our Public Lands.NO!

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As a retired teacher who will always look to the futures of all my former students and their families as well as my own family, I view increases in oil and gas leasing as harmful and hurtful to the qualities of life for them and our state.

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