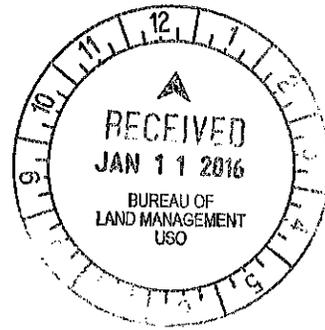


Elders Rising-- For Intergenerational Justice

January 11, 2016

Via Hand Delivery

Sheri Wysong
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Utah State Office
440 West 200 South, Suite 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84101



Re: Protest of February 2016 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

Statement of Interest

We are elders working together on climate justice to assure a livable future for the future generations of all species.

We protest the BLM February 2016 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale. We believe the State of Utah and the Federal Government must act in full accordance with the leadership required of the United States to respond to the crisis of climate change. We honor our children, grandchildren, and all future generations, along with the countless species that make a livable world.

Statement of Reasons

We believe it is our right and duty to end the fossil fuel extraction on public lands. We believe the unique lands and parks of Utah are better protected for outdoor recreation than for the fossil fuel industry and that humanity must transition immediately to clean energy. We believe that it is unjust to destroy the environment required for living beings of the future.

The more gas and oil infrastructure we build, the more renewables will have to compete with fossil fuels. Leasing public land to expand the fossil fuel industry directly conflicts with our federal commitment to reduce emissions.

Therefore, we protest each and every parcel being offered for lease.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Merritt".

Jill Merritt, PhD
On behalf of Elders Rising
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