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I am writing in protest of the BLM's plan to auction off 39 proposed parcels covering 37,580 acres in the Price, Vernal and Fillmore Field Offices and the Fishlake National Forest. The Price Field Office contains 18 parcels covering 20,562 acres; the Vernal Field Office - eight parcels covering 2,421 acres; the Fillmore Field Office - nine parcels covering 12,944 acres; and the Fishlake National Forest - four parcels covering 1,653 acres. Further, I write in protest of the sale of 7 parcels covering 8,121 acres in the Moab Field Office. All 46 parcels are identified as available to oil and gas leasing under the current resource management plans for the Price, Vernal, Fillmore and Moab Field Offices and the Fishlake National Forest.

I write to implore you, for the sake of the children if not for our own sakes, to stop all leasing of land (especially public land) for fossil fuel extraction.

We have a crisis ... the climate crisis ... on our hands and we must solve it. Keep the fossil fuels in the ground. The buildup of emissions is killing us, killing the planet. Climate change is already dangerous; we have no carbon budget left to divide up. Extracting and then burning more carbon is NOT AN OPTION if we want a world where we can breathe clean air, plant our crops in clean soil, and drink clean water. Big tipping-point events, irreversible on human time scales, and large-scale positive feedbacks are already occurring at less than 1°C of climate warming. It is clear that 2°C of climate warming is not a safe threshold. And the problem is that more oil, gas and coal extraction will lead to more carbon emissions producing more irreversible tipping points as we move beyond 1°C to 2°C and higher. It is time to stop leasing these lands for oil, gas and coal extraction. Keep it in the ground!

Climate change poses unprecedented threats to human civilization. It is high time to stop selling new oil and gas drilling leases, endangering the health and welfare of our communities and devastating the planet.

For a livable future!

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