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Ms. Mary Jo Rugwell
STATE DIRECTOR FOR BLM WYOMING
P.O. Box 1828
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

RE: Formal Protest of February 2, 2016 Oil and Gas Lease Sale of certain parcels proposed for annexation to the City of Casper, Wyoming

Dear Ms. Rugwell:

Wyoming Land Acquisition Partners I, LLC, is formally protesting the inclusion of BLM **Parcel Number WY-1602-043 and Parcel Number WY-1602-046** in the upcoming February 2, 2016 Oil and Gas Lease Sale.

Wyoming Land Acquisition Partners, I, LLC owns approximately 6,500 acres of property, portions of which are included in the two BLM Parcels identified above. Wyoming Land Acquisition Partners I, LLC, has been working with the City of Casper for over a year to submit a formal application for annexation of the property. Wyoming State Statute 15-1-402 provides a 180-day maximum time limitation for the processing of an annexation, beginning once a formal application has been submitted to the City. Over the past year, Wyoming Land Acquisition Partners I, LLC has expended a great deal of time and money performing engineering and analysis, in preparation of our formal submittal for annexation into the City of Casper; however, due to the size of the proposed annexation, there are many additional studies and analysis that must be preformed prior to submission of the annexation application, such as, but not limited to, transportation studies, emergency response needs, drainage studies, water and sewer availability studies, utility analysis, and school district needs. These studies must be performed prior to the annexation application being submitted in order to meet the 180-day maximum time limitation that the City has under Wyoming State Statute. We anticipate that a formal application for annexation of the property will occur sometime in the next 2-3 months, which starts the statutory 180-day time clock to complete the annexation.

In anticipation of submitting a formal request for annexation of the property encompassing **Parcel Number WY-1602-043 and Parcel Number WY-1602-046**, Wyoming Land Acquisition Partners I, LLC respectfully requests that the BLM either withdraw said parcels from the February 2, 2016 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, or in the alternative, defer the sale at this time to allow our company and the City the necessary time to process the annexation. A deferment would afford us the additional time necessary to complete the annexation, and if something were to occur whereby the annexation were not approved, or we withdrew our request, then the BLM could still reconsider at a later date.

We are aware that the City of Casper has also submitted a letter formally protesting the inclusion of BLM **Parcel Number WY-1602-043 and Parcel Number WY-1602-046** in the upcoming February 2, 2016 Oil and Gas Lease Sale and agree with and support their protest.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you need additional information or details, please feel free to contact the manager of Wyoming Land Acquisition Partners I, LLC, Benjamin F. Brooks III, at (480)-951-1515, or by E-mail at tbrooks@brooksland.com.

Best Regards,



Benjamin F. Brooks III
Manager

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