



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Dinosaur National Monument  
4545 East Highway 40  
Dinosaur, Colorado 81610-9724

IN REPLY REFER TO:

L1419 (DINO-R&RM)

November 15, 2005

Mr. William Stringer  
Field Manager  
Vernal Field Office  
170 South 500 East  
Vernal, Utah 84078

Dear Mr. Stringer:

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 2005, and the opportunity to review the parcels for competitive sale scheduled for February 2006. Our only concern is with parcel 226 located south of the Monument. As we discussed with your staff on November 9, 2005, oil and gas activities on this parcel would impair views to the south of Dinosaur National Monument. The parcel can be directly viewed from the primary visitor use areas of the Monument. Our preference would be to withdraw the parcel of concern from this sale, but in lieu of this, we would appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff to minimize visual impacts to the Monument.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed sale. We look forward to working cooperatively on issues that mutually impact both the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service.

Sincerely

Mary Risser  
Superintendent



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Vernal Field Office  
170 South 500 East  
Vernal, UT 84078

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
1310 (UT-080)

November 29, 2005

Ms. Mary Rissor, Superintendent  
Dinosaur National Monument  
4545 E. Highway 40  
Dinosaur, CO 81610-9724

Dear Ms. Rissor:

Thank you for your response dated November 15, 2005 regarding the February 2006 competitive oil and gas lease sale. In your response you expressed concern about parcel 226. For your information, the SWSW, SESW, and SWSE portion of section 34 of parcel 226 lies on private surface. The surface owner was contacted and expressed no concerns regarding the leasing of the federal minerals. Therefore, this portion of the parcel will be offered in the February 2006 lease sale. Any surface use or restrictions would be worked out between the surface owner and the successful bidder. In section 28, the SW 1/4 and S1/2 of NW lies on BLM surface. Several stipulations and/or lease notices were attached to this portion of the parcel to notify the successful bidder of the presence of various resources.

It has been determined that this parcel will be offered on the February 20, 2006 sale. If you have any questions you can contact me or my staff, Holly Villa (435)-781-4404.

Sincerely,

William Stringer  
Field Office Manager

*Thunder Ranch*

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To: **BLM**  
**Holly Villa**

Thunder Ranch has no objections to oil or gas drilling exploration on the BLM ground anywhere South of Highway 40 in Jensen, UT.

Sincerely,

*Shayne McKee*

Shayne McKee  
General Manager, Thunder Ranch, LLC