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*Re: Protest of Utah May 2006 Lease Sale – Parcels UT-269-A, 269-B,
269-F, 269-G, and 269-H.*

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am seriously concerned about the potential for significant impacts around Utah's Labyrinth Canyon if Utah BLM allows any of the area's proposed May 2006 lease to be sold. Therefore, I formally protest all leases that would disrupt this magnificent canyon system. These lease parcels include UT-269-A, 269-B, 269-F, 269-G, and 269-H.

Our livelihood and business depend on Labyrinth Canyon's exceptional wild and natural character, as well as its interconnected side canyons and adjacent bench lands.

Our customers who participate in the rafting trips we offer on this portion of the Green River are always very impressed and in many cases deeply moved by the beauty and solitude of this remarkable and special portion of Labyrinth Canyon.

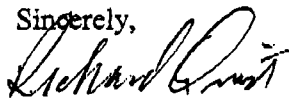
Additionally we rent canoes to folks who wish to engage in a "do-it-yourself" paddle trip from Ruby Ranch on down to Mineral Canyon. Several national outdoor magazines have extolled the virtues of this particular stretch of the Green.

All users of the resource, both rafters and kayakers and related side canyon hikers, would I have no doubt be sorely disappointed by the negative impacts of drilling rigs on the Canyon rims and on the benches back from the river.

This area's remarkable primitive recreational experience and its outstanding solitude should be protected. An unacceptable and drastic disruption caused by oil and gas leasing and the related development of these parcels should be avoided. In too many places in the west the solitude and natural quiet this area currently represents is disappearing. Please protect those values in this area of the Green River.

While oil and gas development is appropriate in specific BLM locations, the sensitive, unique and irreplaceable river systems in Utah, including Labyrinth Canyon, should be preserved for their outstanding natural character.

Sincerely,



Richard Quist
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