

PHILIP LAND
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SALES ASSOCIATES
LES MATHSON
KEBI SMITH
ANNE MACKENZIE
PETER MACKENZIE
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GEORGE COBB
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January 5, 2009

John Bown
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Montana State Office
5001 Southgate Drive
Billings, Montana 59101-4669

Dear Mr. Bown:

Thank you for taking time to visit with Mr. Smith and me last week by phone. Mr. David Smith has requested that we express our opinions regarding the lease offering you anticipate for January 27, 2009.

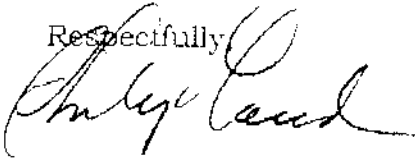
David and Linda Smith own 560 acres, in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 14 East, in the parcel you describe as 01-09-08. There is no public access to this land.

The Smiths are unequivocally opposed to having their lands subjected to leases and mineral searches and capture. The subject lands are in a historic range for several species of wildlife, including fragile riparian areas that are vulnerable to traffic and commercial ventures. This acreage is the Smith's personal, full-time home, which includes their residence, barn, shop and guest house.

For the record, with respect for all concerned, David and Linda Smith wish for their lands to be excluded from auction and will not be co-operative in regard to access or extraction of any mineral substances from their deeded holdings.

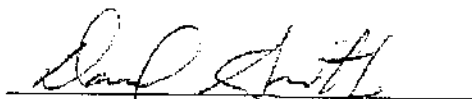
We thank you again for your time and look forward to visiting with your office in person to emphasize the Smith's dedication to their position of opposition in regard to the BLM's marketing of the Federal minerals beneath private land held by their family.

Respectfully,



Philip Land
The Land Brokers

Signed this 5th day of January, 2009



David Smith
Owner



Linda Smith
Owner