

WESTERN SLOPE
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Writing a Comment Letter to the BLM on the December 2018 Lease Sale

Address your letter to:

**December 2018 Lease Sale
Uncompahgre Field Office
2465 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, CO 81401**

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

You might begin your specific comments with:

"I am a resident of...",

"I live adjacent to parcel #",

"My family has farmed/ranched in this area for XXX years"

"I choose to live here because...."

Specific Comments:

SPECIFIC COMMENTS ARE MOST IMPORTANT. Comment about any and all parcels and address them by number. Write why you personally will be impacted. Whenever possible refer to chapters or page numbers in EA, etc. See WSCC Handout for general comment topics.

Request the BLM to:

- 1. Withdraw all of the parcels from the December 2018 lease sale.** *The parcels are adjacent to and may irreparably harm our roadless areas, critical infrastructure including Paonia Reservoir, and important wildlife habitat.*
- 2. Defer offering lands for lease in the Uncompahgre Field Office area until the Resource Management Plan (RMP) is revised and approved.** *The current RMP for the Uncompahgre Field Office area was approved in 1989. The BLM and Forest Service need to complete ongoing updates to their land use plans to protect the landscape's resources from destructive oil and gas drilling, including adopting the North Fork Citizens' Alternative.*
- 3. Include all public input and comments in the Final EA.** *In the preliminary EA, the BLM omitted comments from many local organizations, including the Western Slope Conservation Center, key Agricultural groups, and the Town of Paonia. The BLM has offered no explanation for the omission.*

Note: Letters may be sent via regular mail (address above – they can be hand-written) or submitted [electronically](#) – find link at westernslopeconservation.org. You can also comment to the following BLM staff via email.

- Acting State Director Greg Shoop: gshoop@blm.gov
- Southwest Colorado District Manager Stephanie Connolly: Sconnolly@blm.gov
- Uncompahgre Field Manager Greg Larson: glarson@blm.gov