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Dear Rob,

The Houston Regional Group and Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club (Sierra Club) provide these additional scoping comments for the U.S. Forest Service (FS) oil/gas leasing environmental impact statement (OGLEIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas (NFGT).

There is an additional article that the Sierra Club provides to the FS.

1. "Big Oil: Forecasts of growth are wrong", Rachel Adams-Hard and Kevin Crowley, Bloomberg News, Houston Chronicle, November 28, 2019.

This article says that the International Energy Agency and the Energy Information Administration are wrong on their predictions for "robust U.S. production growth" next year in the shale oil/gas industry and that a downturn will occur according to Earthstone Energy Inc., IHC Markit, Pioneer Natural Resources, Centennial Resource Development, Mizuho analyst Paul Sankey, and David Ramsden-Wood, former CEO of Franklin Mountain Energy.

This article emphasizes the need for the FS to conduct a comprehensive economic analysis of oil/gas shale and oil/gas energy to document the on the NFGT all the economic factors, effects, and costs, both positive and negative, for oil/gas exploitation in a balanced analysis for the OGLEIS.

The Sierra Club appreciates this opportunity to provide these additional initial scoping comments about the OGLEIS. Thank you.

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