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Dear Rob,

The Houston Regional Group and Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club (Sierra Club) provide this eleventh set of comments for scoping 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).

Although the official scoping period is over, the Sierra Club will continue to send the FS documents and articles that relate to the OGLE IS. The Sierra Club has been told in the past that although there is an official scoping comment period, that scoping extends from the beginning of the scoping comment period until the draft EIS is released. There are additional articles that the Sierra Club provides to the FS with this letter.

1. "Permian natural gas disposal problem is getting worse", Rachel Adams-Heard and Catherine Ngai, Bloomberg News, Houston Chronicle, December 29,2019.

This article documents how release of methane is increasing in the Permian Basin which causes more climate chcmge pollution.

2. "2019 Milestones reaffirmed decade's story of abundance", Grant Smith, Bloomberg News, Houston Chronicle, December 29,2019.

This article documents the overproduction of oil/gas which has created lower prices in the in the latter part of this year.

"Oil, gas industry closes a lackluster year", Sergio Chapa and Erin Douglas, Houston Chronicle, December 28, 2019.

This article documents the "boom and bust" economy that oil/gas production has had this year.

The Sierra Club appreciates this opportunity to provide these additional initial scoping comments about the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the OGLEIS.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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