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I am writing to express my strong opposition to opening up these lands for potential oil and gas drilling. Scientists are in agreement that increased carbon, methane and other green house gases being released into the atmosphere are driving climate change. Extreme weather events are occurring with much greater frequency than in the past, weather is becoming erratic and property damage and loss of life are increasing. Droughts are increasing in many parts of the world (e.g. Western United States, CapeTown that is on the brink of running out of water). Fire seasons are prolonged and much more severe in the Western United States and in similar climate zones around the world. Melting glaciers are already causing sea level rise and places like coastal Florida are experiencing regular tidal flooding. Scientists are telling us that we must quickly cut back on the extraction and burning of all fossil fuels and transition to clean, renewable energy if we are to have a chance of keeping climate change to no more than 2 degrees celsius. Given all of this and despite climate denial on the part of the current administration, we cannot afford to keep leasing more public lands for still more gas and oil extraction nor can we afford to stay locked in a fossil fuel based economy by building still more pipelines and other infrastructure to move gas and oil from extraction to processing sites. The world is running out of time. There is no way to that we can continue with business as usual and sacrifice still more of our public lands to an energy source that is rapidly destroying the livability of our planet. There is no way to mitigate the damage that leasing for oil and gas extraction will cause. In the name of keeping a livable planet for today's children and future generations, plans to lease in this area simply must not proceed.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I am commenting as an individual. My contact information is as follows:

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