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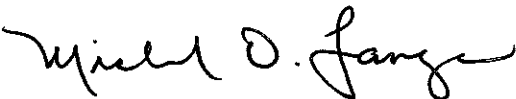
Ms. Amy Lueders  
State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
New Mexico State Office  
P. O. Box 27115  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115

Dear Ms. Lueders:

Recent public feedback have identified environmental concerns surrounding the offering of 31,169.19 acres of land for oil and gas leasing on the Davy Crockett, Sam Houston, and Sabine National Forests in Texas. The Forest Service wishes to evaluate these concerns to see whether changes are warranted to either the availability of these parcels for leasing or the conditions of surface occupancy. Accordingly, we withdraw our consent to offer for lease all National Forest System lands listed in the Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Office Sale Notice for the April 20, 2016, Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 404-347-3989 or [tabing@fs.fed.us](mailto:tabing@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

*for* 

TIMOTHY ABING  
Acting Director of Lands, Minerals, and Uses

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