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Carter Reed, Oil & Gas Team Leader
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Re: Fishlake National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis Project

Dear Mr. Reed:

We represent a number of oil and gas producers which explore and operate on the public lands in Utah and submit these scoping comments regarding the Fishlake National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis Project. We would like to thank the forest service for the opportunity to submit scoping comments regarding this project.

As natural gas prices continue to rise and refineries operating at or near capacity, the demand for cleaner burning fuel sources continues to grow. Areas such as Fishlake National Forest must be explored for multiple uses, including energy development. As gas produced from traditional supply sources decline, the untapped natural gas potential in the Fishlake National Forest, as well as other federal lands, must take a larger role in meeting the nation's continually increasing energy needs. This project proposal serves President Bush's National Energy Policy and we believe this project can and will achieve a balance between environmental protection and economic growth. Given the importance of the reasonably foreseeable development scenario ("RFD") for a leasing Environmental Impact Statement, we encourage the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to release and accept comments on the RFD Scenario prior to its inclusion in the Draft EIS. Doing so will allow the Forest Service and the BLM the opportunity to gather information from industry and the public regarding the reasonableness and the assumptions made in the RFD Scenario before it is fully incorporated into the Environmental Impact Statement for the Fishlake National Forest.

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Given the immediate need for the production of energy from domestic sources, the Fishlake National Forest Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis Project should be prepared as soon as possible. Please place our office on the forest service mailing list for all future information regarding this project, including the Draft EIS, Final EIS, and Record of Decision for this project.

Sincerely,

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