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People From Across the Country Urge the BLM to End Drilling on Public Lands

Washington, D.C. - Today, Sierra Club will deliver thousands of protests to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) calling for an end to fossil fuel leasing on public lands. This follows the decision by the BLM to resume onshore lease sales in eight states: Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

In response, Sierra Club's Director of Lands, Water and Wildlife Dan Ritzman released the following statement:

“People from across the US have spoken up against drilling on public lands. And now it's up to the BLM to listen and put an end to leasing once and for all. For far too long our public lands have been monopolized by the oil and gas industry, leaving behind toxic pollution in their wake, harming local communities, wildlife, and our special places. As we come dangerously close to reaching the 1.5C threshold, it is critical we keep fossil fuels in the ground. It's time for our public lands and waters to be part of the climate solution, not the problem.”