



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Jeremy Nichols
Climate and Energy Program Director
Wild Earth Guardians

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed 2022 competitive oil and gas lease sales. We look forward to your comments and critical input about the impacts of these activities on the communities you represent. While we appreciate the challenges posed by the scoping period, at the same time, we are subject to an injunction in the *Louisiana v. Biden* case and we are making every effort to comply with the court order. Because of this, we are unable to provide the requested extension at this time.

Sincerely,

Laura Daniel-Davis
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Land and Minerals Management

cc:
BLM State Directors