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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS,	IBLA No. 2017-
UTAH PHYSICIANS FOR A HEALTHY	
ENVIRONMENT, PHYSICIANS FOR	Notice of Appeal, Monument Butte
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, SIERRA CLUB,	Oil and Gas Development Project,
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,	Record of Decision #DOI-BLM-UT-
UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY,	G010-2016-0065 and Final
CANYON COUNTRY RISING TIDE,	Environmental Impact Statement # DOI-
ELDERS RISING, GREAT OLD BROADS	BLM-UT-G010-2009-0217, Uintah and
FOR WILDERNESS, LIVING RIVERS,	Duchesne Counties, Utah
GREEN RIVER ACTION PROJECT, and	
WASATCH RISING TIDE,	
Appellants	
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## **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §§ 4.410, 4.411, and 4.413, WildEarth Guardians, Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Utah Native Plant Society, Canyon Country Rising Tide, Elders Rising, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Living Rivers, Green River Action Project, and Wasatch Rising Tide hereby file this Notice of Appeal of a decision made by Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") Utah State Director, Jenna Whitlock. Ms. Whitlock's decision authorizes the Monument Butte Oil and Gas Development Project, which entails the development of 5,750 new oil and gas wells across 119,743 acres of the Uinta Basin of northeastern Utah. This decision is documented in a Record of Decision ("ROD") signed by Ms. Whitlock on September 30, 2016. The decision is based on a Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the BLM Vernal Field Office and made available on June 24, 2016. *See* 81 Fed. Reg. 41,331-41,333 (June 24, 2016).

Appellants will file a Statement of Reasons within 30 days in accordance with 43 C.F.R.

§ 4.412. Appellants also consent to all future correspondence related to this Notice of Appeal being served upon them solely via e-mail.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October 2016,

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I certify that on October 31, 2016, I served this Notice of Appeal by certified mail, return receipt requested, upon:

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