



TOQUERVILLE CITY
RESOLUTION #RES.2017.09
OIL AND GAS LEASES NEAR ZION NATIONAL PARK

***A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS AND URGING CAUTION
REGARDING BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS LEASES
NEAR ZION NATIONAL PARK***

WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) is currently accepting comments on a draft environmental impact statement (“Draft EIS”) that considers offering three parcels near Zion National Park for oil and gas leasing; and

WHEREAS, Zion Nation Park is an internationally recognized showpiece for Washington County and for Utah; and

WHEREAS, the scenic nature of the area surrounding Zion Nation Park contributes to the beauty, economy, and recreational values of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, allowing oil and gas development along the scenic highways enjoyed by residents and visitors alike may not be the best use of the resources in that area; and

WHEREAS, one proposed lease would allow for oil and gas extraction near a proposed water reserve and several newly drilled drinking water wells; and

WHEREAS, BLM is accepting comments on the Draft EIS until February 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Washington County for the BLM to make a well-informed and cautious decision regarding whether to allow the leases in our county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TOQUERVILLE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH that Toquerville City expresses reservation on oil and gas extraction near Zion National Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Toquerville opposes and calls on the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to exercise caution and ensure that any oil and gas leases on land near Zion National Park be conducted in a way that will not negatively impact tourism, traffic flow, or water resources in the area.

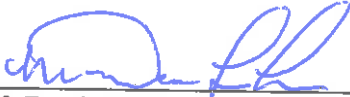
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that city staff is authorized to file an official comment with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in accordance with the positions outlined in this Resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption by the Toquerville City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE TOQUERVILLE CITY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, ON THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2017 ON THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Councilperson:

Mark Fahrenkamp	AYE <u>X</u>	NAE <u> </u>
Keen Ellsworth	AYE <u>X</u>	NAE <u> </u>
Ty Bringham	AYE <u> </u>	NAE <u>X Absent</u>
Brad Langston	AYE <u>X</u>	NAE <u> </u>
Paul Heideman	AYE <u> </u>	NAE <u>X</u>



M. Darrin LeFevre
Toquerville Mayor

Attest:



Dana M. McKim
Toquerville City Recorder



Fluid Mineral Lease Parcels

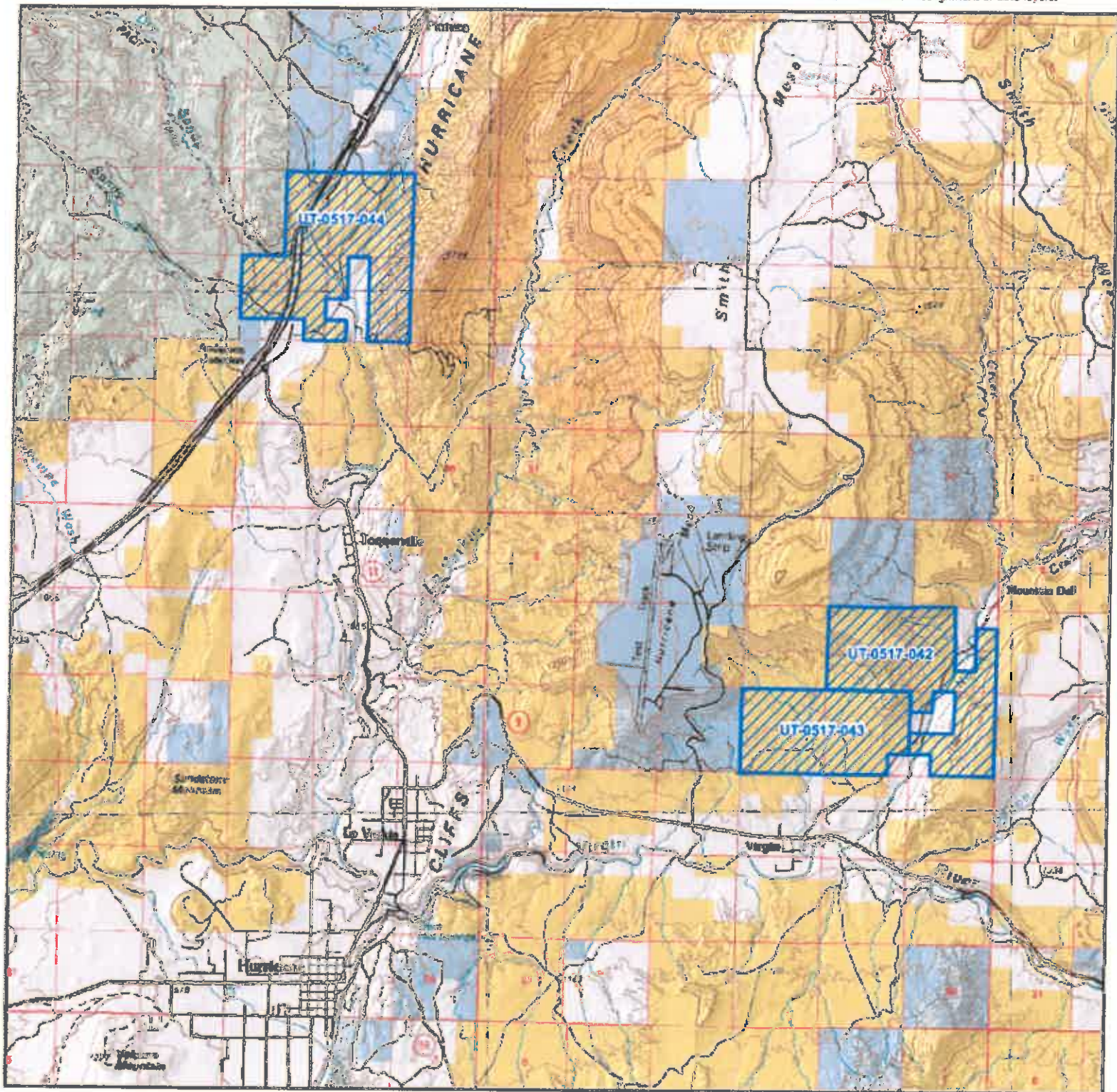
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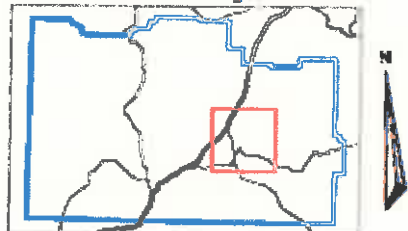
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-  BLM Wilderness Area
-  Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
-  Private
-  State
-  State Wildlife Reserve/Management Area
-  US Forest Service (USFS)

