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April 14, 2014

The Honorable Robert Duncan
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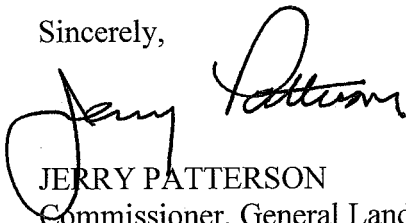
Dear Senator Duncan,

Enclosed you will find a letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in which I have accepted the BLM's invitation for the GLO to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas RMP/EIS development.

Development of the plan is expected to be a two to three year process, so it will be some time before there is resolution to the concerns of your constituents. The GLO will coordinate with other state agencies impacted by this plan to provide the federal government with the best knowledge and information available from the State of Texas. Please note that the cooperating agency status allows the GLO to advise the BLM only and that the BLM is the final decision maker in this process.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Levesque,

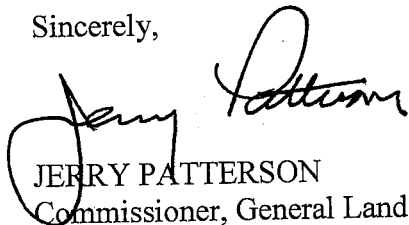
Thank you for the invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas RMP/EIS development. The General Land Office (GLO) will gladly participate in this process.

As the oldest agency in Texas, the GLO was formed in 1836 to manage the public domain. The GLO currently manages 13 million mineral acres and 700,000 surface acres and is actively engaged in minerals leasing, surveying, appraisals, surface leasing, buying and selling on a daily basis. Additionally, the GLO archives consist of land grant records and maps dating to 1720 that detail the passage of Texas public lands to private ownership and continue to be used today. I believe that the GLO is uniquely situated to assist the BLM with its plans for federal lands in Texas.

Please contact Susan Biles at 512.463.2380 or susan.biles@glo.texas.gov to coordinate with the GLO and finalize an MOU to solidify this agreement. Our ability to attend meetings in Tulsa may be limited due to budget constraints, but GLO staff will be available by conference call and through email to participate and review documents.

The GLO looks forward to working on the project with the BLM. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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