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In Reply Refer To:

March 12, 2019 Comp Sale  
3160 (MT00200)

October 11, 2018

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest to sell Federal oil and gas leases on 246 parcels of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcels are located within the Havre, Miles City, and South Dakota Field Office areas. The preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations for the 246 parcels is posted on the BLM e-Planning website, for a 15-day scoping period for review starting on October 11, 2018. Written comments must be postmarked by October 25, 2018, to be considered. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

**Electronic:** BLM e-Planning website – <https://eplanning.blm.gov>

-Use the “Text Search” tab with the below State/Office/Document Type/Fiscal Year -Click Search and select DOI-BLM-MT-0000-2018-0007-EA 2019 March Oil and Gas Lease Sale from the search result below.

-Click “Documents” on the left hand side of the screen to display documents available for review.

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**Mail:** North Central Montana District  
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If analysis is warranted, an EA will be available for a 30-day review beginning on November 21, 2018 at the link listed above. Prior to issuance of any leases, the Decision Record and FONSI will be finalized and posted for public review on our BLM e-Planning website. Please refer to the BLM e-Planning website at [https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do). Current and updated information about our EA, Lease Sale Notice, and corresponding information pertaining to this sale can be found at the link referenced above.

If you have any questions or would like more information about lease sale notices or the issuance of the EA, Decision Record and FONSI, please contact Tom Barrett, Natural Resource Specialist, at (406) 791-7766.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale H. Manchester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dale H. Manchester  
NCMD Division Chief  
Oil and Gas