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February 27, 2015

**Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale  
on  
May 28, 2015**

We are pleased to announce that we will offer for competitive sale five parcels containing a total of 6,474.62 acres in Payette County, Idaho for Federal oil and gas leasing. This notice describes:

- The date, time and place of the sale;
- How to participate in the bidding process;
- The sale process;
- The conditions of the sale;
- How to file a noncompetitive offer after the sale;
- How to file a presale noncompetitive offer; and
- How to file a protest for land offered in this Notice.

Attached to this notice is a list of the lands we are offering by serial number, parcel number and legal land description. Below each parcel we have included any special conditions or restrictions that will be made a part of the lease. For your convenience, we are including a copy of the bid form, lease form, stipulations, lease notices, etc. affecting the parcels in this sale.

Both this sale notice and the results list will be available on our public Internet site at [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/energy\\_minerals/energy/oil\\_and\\_gas0.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/energy_minerals/energy/oil_and_gas0.html)

Forms can also be found at [www.blm.gov/FormsCentral/show-home.do](http://www.blm.gov/FormsCentral/show-home.do).

**When and where will the sale take place?**

**When:** The competitive oral sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. on **Thursday, May 28, 2015**. The registration table will open at 7:45 a.m. so you can register and get your bidder number.

**Where:** We will hold the sale at the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, Sagebrush Conference Room. 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709. There are visitor parking facilities at the building.

**Access:** The sale room is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the sale, such as sign language interpreter or materials in an alternate format, contact Tracy Hadley, (208) 373-3886, by **May 14, 2015**.

### **How will the sale be conducted?**

The sale will be conducted by oral auction. You must make your bids verbally. The winning bid is the highest verbal bid equal to or exceeding the national minimum acceptable bid of \$2.00/acre.

### **How do I participate in the bidding process?**

To participate in the bidding process, you must register and obtain a bidder number. If you are bidding for more than one party, you must register and obtain a separate bidder number for each company or individual you represent. We will begin registering bidders at 7:45 a.m. on the day of the sale. You must display your bid number to the auctioneer when you make a bid.

When you register to bid, you must show a valid government-issued photo identification (ID) to verify your identity. If you do not provide a valid photo ID, we will not allow you to register as a bidder and participate in the auction.

We will also ask you to sign a statement to confirm that any bid you cast will represent a good-faith intention to acquire an oil and gas lease, and that you understand that any winning bid will constitute a legally binding commitment to accept the lease and pay the monies owed. Further, you will acknowledge that you understand that it is a crime under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 to knowingly and willfully make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations regarding your qualifications; bidder registration and intent to bid; acceptance of a lease; or payment of monies owed; and that any such offense may result in a fine or imprisonment for not more than five years or both. You will also acknowledge that you understand that it is a crime under 30 U.S.C. 195 (a) and (b) to organize or participate in any scheme to defeat provisions of the mineral leasing regulations. Any person who knowingly violates this provision will be punished by a fine of not more than \$500,000, imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

If you, or the party you represent, owe the United States any monies that were due the day of a previous oil and gas lease auction conducted by any BLM office (the minimum monies owed the day of the sale), you will not be allowed to register to bid at this lease sale. The Mineral Leasing Act requires that leases be issued to a "responsible qualified bidder" (30 U.S.C. 226(b)(1)(A)). Any bidder, or party represented by a bidding agent, that does not pay the minimum monies owed the day of the sale is not a "responsible qualified bidder" and will be barred from participating in any oil and gas lease auction nationwide until the bidder settles that debt to the United States. In addition, if you or the party you represent defaults at any three sales conducted by any BLM office, you or the party you represent will be barred permanently from participating in any other BLM oil and gas lease sale auction.

### **What is the sale process?**

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the sale:

- The authorized officer will make the sale announcements.
- The auctioneer will offer the parcels in the order they are shown in the attached list;
- All bids are on a per-acre basis for the entire acreage in the parcel;
- The winning bid is the highest oral bid equal to or exceeding the minimum acceptable bid; and
- The decision of the auctioneer is final.

Names of bidders and high bidders remain confidential until the end of the sale. The results list of high bidders will be available when all bidders have paid the minimum amount due. Names of bidders and high bidders remain confidential until two days after the sale or when the results list is available.

The minimum bid BLM can accept is \$2 per acre. If a parcel contains fractional acreage, round it up to the next whole acre. For example, a parcel of 100.51 acres requires a minimum bid of \$202 (\$2 x 101 acres). After we have offered all the parcels, you may ask the auctioneer to re-offer any unsold parcels.

## What conditions apply to the lease sale?

- **Parcel withdrawal or sale cancellation:** We reserve the right to withdraw any or all parcels before the sale begins. If we withdraw a parcel, we will post a notice in the Idaho State Office Information Access Center (Public Room) before the day of the sale. We will announce withdrawn parcels before beginning the sale. If we cancel the sale, we will notify you as soon as possible.
- **Payment due on the day of the sale:** You cannot withdraw a bid. Your bid is a legally binding contract. For each parcel you win, you must pay at least the minimum bonus bid of \$2 per acre or fraction of an acre; the total amount of the first year's advance rental (\$1.50 per acre or fraction of an acre); and a \$155 administrative fee. You must pay these monies by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the sale at our Information Access Center (Public Room).

If your bonus bid was more than \$2 per acre or fraction of an acre and you do not pay the full amount on the day of the sale, you must pay any balance of your bonus bid by **4:00 pm on June 8, 2015**, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> working day following the sale. Payment must be made to the proper BLM office (43 CFR 3120.5-2(c)). If you do not pay in full by this date, you lose the right to the lease and all money due on the day of the sale. If you forfeit a parcel, we may offer it at a later sale.

The minimum monies owed on the day of the sale for a winning bid are monies owed to the United States (43 CFR 3120.5-2(b) and 43 CFR 3120.5-3(a)). If we do not receive payment of the minimum monies owed the day of the sale by the date and time above, the BLM will issue a bill for the monies owed. If payment is not received by the bill due date, a demand letter will be sent to you that will include additional fees. If we do not receive payment as requested by the demand letter, the United States will immediately pursue collection by all appropriate methods, and when appropriate, collect late fees, interest, administrative charges and, on past due amounts, assess civil penalties. "All appropriate methods" include, but are not limited to, referral to collection agencies and credit reporting bureaus; salary or administrative offset; offset of Federal and State payments, including goods or services; Federal and State tax refund offset; and retirement payment offset. We may send debts to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the IRS may charge them as income to you on Form 1099C, Cancellation of Debt (Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended; The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996; 31 CFR 285).

- **Forms of payment:** You can pay by personal check, certified check, money order, or credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa only). We cannot accept cash. Make checks payable to: **Department of the Interior-BLM**. If a check you have sent to us in the past has been returned for insufficient funds, we may ask that you give us a guaranteed payment, such as a certified check. If you pay by credit card and the transaction is refused, we will try to notify you early enough so that you can make other payment arrangements. However, we cannot grant you any extension of time to pay the money that is due the day of the sale.

*Please note, credit or debit cards cannot be used for any amount in excess of \$49,999.99, for any purpose. Effective June 1, 2015, this amount will be \$24,999.99.*

- **Bid form:** On the day of the sale, if you are a successful bidder you must give us a properly completed and signed competitive bid form (Form 3000-2, July 2012 edition) with the required payment. This form is a legally binding offer by the prospective lessee to accept a lease and all its terms and conditions. Once you sign the form, you cannot change it. *We will not accept any bid form that has information crossed out or is otherwise altered.*

We recommend you complete the bid form prior to the sale. Your completed bid form certifies that:

(1) You and/or the prospective lessee are qualified to hold an oil and gas lease under our regulations at 43 CFR 3102.5-2; and

(2) Both of you have complied with 18 U.S.C. 1860, a law that prohibits unlawful combinations, intimidation of, and collusion among bidders.

A copy of the bid form is included with this notice.

• **Lease Issuance:** After we receive the bid form and all the money due, we can issue the lease. Usually, a lease is effective the first day of the month following the month in which we sign it. If you want your lease to be effective the first day of the month in which we sign it, you must ask us in writing to do this. We must receive this request before we sign the lease.

• **Lease terms:** A lease issued as a result of this sale will have a primary term of 10 years. It will continue beyond its primary term as long as oil or gas in paying quantities is produced on or for the benefit of the lease. Rental at \$1.50 per acre or fraction of an acre for the first five years (\$2 per acre after that) is due on or before the anniversary date each year until production begins. Once a lease is producing, you must pay a royalty of 12.5 percent on the production. You will find other lease terms on our standard lease form (Form 3100-11, October 2008).

• **Stipulations:** All of the parcels have special requirements or restrictions, called stipulations. The parcel descriptions include stipulations that apply to that parcel. Stipulations are part of the lease and supersede any inconsistent provisions of the lease form.

All Federal oil and gas lease rights are granted subject to applicable laws under Section 6 of the lease including the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq. Each parcel included in this lease sale will be subject to the attached Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation and Cultural Resource Protection Stipulation.

## **NONCOMPETITIVE OFFERS TO LEASE**

### **What parcels are available for noncompetitive offers to lease?**

Parcels that do not receive a bid at the competitive sale are available on a first-come, first-served basis for a two-year period, beginning the first business day following the day of the sale.

### **How do I file a noncompetitive offer to lease after the sale?**

If you want to file a noncompetitive offer to lease on an unsold parcel, you must give us:

- An original and two copies of Offer to Lease and Lease for Oil and Gas (Form 3100-11, October 2008) properly completed and signed. Describe the lands in your offer as specified in our regulations at 43 CFR 3110.5; and
- Your payment for the total of the \$405 filing fee and the advanced first year's rental of \$1.50 per acre or fraction of an acre. Remember to round up any fractional acreage when you calculate the amount of rental.

We consider all offers filed the day of the sale and the first business day after it, to be filed at the same time. If a parcel receives more than one offer, we will hold a drawing to pick the winner (43 CFR 1822.17). In the list of parcels, we have noted any parcels that have pending presale offers. A presale offer has priority over any offer filed after the sale.

### **How do I file a noncompetitive presale offer?**

Under our regulations at 43 CFR 3110.1(a), you may file a noncompetitive presale offer for lands that:

- Are available; and
- Have not been under lease during the previous one-year period, or
- Have not been included in a competitive lease sale within the previous two-year period.

If we do not receive a bid for the parcel that contains the land in your offer, your presale offer has priority over any offer for that parcel filed after the sale. Your presale offer is your consent to the terms and conditions of the lease, including any additional stipulations. If you want to file a presale offer, follow the directions listed for filing a noncompetitive offer after the sale.

#### **How can I find out the results of this sale?**

We will post the sale results in the Idaho State Office Information Access Center. You can buy a printed copy of the results list from the Idaho State Office Information Access Center for \$5.00. The list will also be available at our public internet site:

[http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/energy\\_minerals/energy/oil\\_and\\_gas0.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/energy_minerals/energy/oil_and_gas0.html)

#### **May I protest the BLM's decision to offer the lands in this Notice for lease?**

Yes, under regulation 43 CFR 3120.1-3, you may protest the inclusion of a parcel listed in this sale notice. All protests must meet the following requirements:

- We must receive a protest within 30 calendar days of the posting date of the sale. If our office is not open on the 30th day after the posting date, a protest received on the next day our office is open to the public will be considered timely filed. The protest must also include a statement of reasons to support the protest. We will dismiss a late-filed protest or a protest filed without a statement of reasons.
- A protest must state the interest of the protesting party in the matter.
- A protest document must be signed. Unsigned protest documents will be dismissed.
- A protest must reference the parcel number identified in this sale notice.
- You may file a protest either by mail in hardcopy form or by fax. You may not file a protest by electronic mail. A protest filed by fax must be sent to (208) 373-3899. We will dismiss a protest sent to a fax number other than the fax number identified or a protest filed by electronic mail.
- If the party signing the protest is doing so on behalf of an association, partnership or corporation, the signing party must reveal the relationship between them. For example, unless an environmental group authorizes an individual member of its group to act on their behalf, the individual cannot make a protest in the group's name.
- A protest must include the name and address of the protesting party.

#### **If the BLM receives a timely protest of a parcel advertised on this Sale Notice, how does it affect bidding on the parcel?**

We will announce receipt of any protest at the beginning of the sale. We will also announce a decision to either withdraw the parcel or proceed with offering it at the sale. If the protest is resolved prior to the sale, we will provide copies of our decision at the sale.

#### **If I am the high bidder at the sale for a protested parcel, when will the BLM issue my lease?**

We will make every effort to decide the protest prior to the sale, but no later than 60 days after the sale. We will not issue a lease for a protested parcel until the State Director makes a decision on the protest. If the State Director denies the protest, we will issue your lease concurrently with that decision.

**If I am the successful bidder of a protested parcel, may I withdraw my bid and receive a refund of my first year's rental and bonus bid?**

No. In accordance with BLM regulations (43 CFR 3120.5-3) you may not withdraw your bid.

**If the BLM upholds the protest, how does that affect my competitive bid?**

If we uphold a protest and withdraw the parcel from leasing, we will reject your bid and refund your first year's rental, bonus bid and administrative fee. If the decision upholding the protest results in additional stipulations, we will offer you an opportunity to accept or reject the lease with the additional stipulations. If you do not accept the additional stipulations, we will reject your bid and refund your first year's rental, bonus bid and administrative fee.

**If the BLM's decision to uphold the protest results in additional stipulations, may I appeal that decision?**

Yes, you may. An appeal from the State Director's decision must meet the requirements of Title 43 CFR 4.411 and Part 1840.

**May I appeal the BLM's decision to deny my protest?**

Yes, you may. An appeal from the State Director's decision must meet the requirements of Title 43 CFR 4.411 and Part 1840.

**May I withdraw my bid if the protestor files an appeal?**

No. If the protestor appeals our decision to deny the protest, you may not withdraw your bid. We will issue your lease concurrently with the decision to deny the protest. If resolution of the appeal results in lease cancellation, we will authorize a refund of the bonus bid, rentals and administrative fees if -

- there is no evidence that the lessee(s) derived any benefit from possession of the lease during the time they held it, and;
- there is no indication of bad faith or other reasons not to refund the rental, bonus bid and administrative fee.

**How do I file an Expression of Interest (EOI)?**

- An Expression of Interest (EOI) is an informal nomination to request that certain land be included in a future oil and gas competitive lease sale. Regulations pertaining to competitive oil and gas leasing can be found in 43 CFR 3120. The request must be made in writing (no specific form required) and either mailed to the BLM-Idaho State Office or faxed to (208) 373-3899. No filing fee or rental is required with an EOI. Make sure your EOI contains a complete legal land description.
- Effective July 24, 2009, if you are nominating any split-estate land (private surface/Federal minerals), your EOI must include the name and address of the current private surface owner(s).

Information regarding leasing of Federal minerals overlain with private surface, referred to as "split estate", is available on the Washington Office website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/oil\\_and\\_gas/best\\_management\\_practices/split\\_estate.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/oil_and_gas/best_management_practices/split_estate.html)

A Split Estate brochure is available at this site that outlines the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of private surface owners and oil and gas operators in the planning, lease sale, permitting/development, and operations/production phases of the oil and gas program.

- As directed by Washington Office (WO) Instruction Memorandum (IM) 2014-004, the BLM will publish EOI submissions received on or after January 1, 2014, on the website of the BLM State Office where the nominated parcel is located. EOI submitters who consider their name and address confidential should not include that information in their EOI. The BLM no longer requires submitters to provide this information for contact purposes; however, the BLM will make this information available to the public.

For more information, please contact Tracy Hadley, Land Law Examiner, BLM Idaho State Office, at (208) 373-3886.



Richard P. Todd

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands, Minerals & Water Rights

## PARCEL LIST

Parcel	Boise Meridian			Acres
	Township/Range	Section	Quartersection/Lot	
A	T. 8 N, R. 4 W	01	Lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	375.82
		03	Lots 3 and 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	187.40
		04	Lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	427.31
		05	Lots 1-3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	222.9
		08	E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	80
		12	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$	320
		13	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	120
		24	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	40
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,773.43</b>
B	T. 9 N, R. 4 W	28	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	440
		32	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	40
		33	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	80
			<b>Total</b>	<b>560.00</b>
C	T. 9 N, R. 4 W	26	Entire section	640
		27	E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	320
		34	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	280
		35	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	160
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>
D	T. 9 N, R. 3 W	18	Lots 2-4	132.36
		19	Lots 1 and 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	128.83
	T. 9 N, R. 4 W	13	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$	480
		24	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$	560
		25	W $\frac{1}{2}$	320
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,621.19</b>
E	T. 9 N, R. 3 W	17	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$	560
		18	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	280
		20	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	160
		29	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	120
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,120.00</b>
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,474.62</b>

## STIPULATIONS

1. **No Surface Occupancy (NSO-1)** – Surface occupancy and use on BLM-administered and split-estate lands would be prohibited until the Four Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) is finalized. Applies to all parcels.
2. **No Sub-surface Occupancy (NSSO-1)** – Subsurface occupancy and use on federal mineral estate lands would be prohibited until the RMP is finalized. Applies to all parcels.

**Modification:** Once the Four Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) is final, the leases will be modified to conform with the Record of Decision for the RMP.

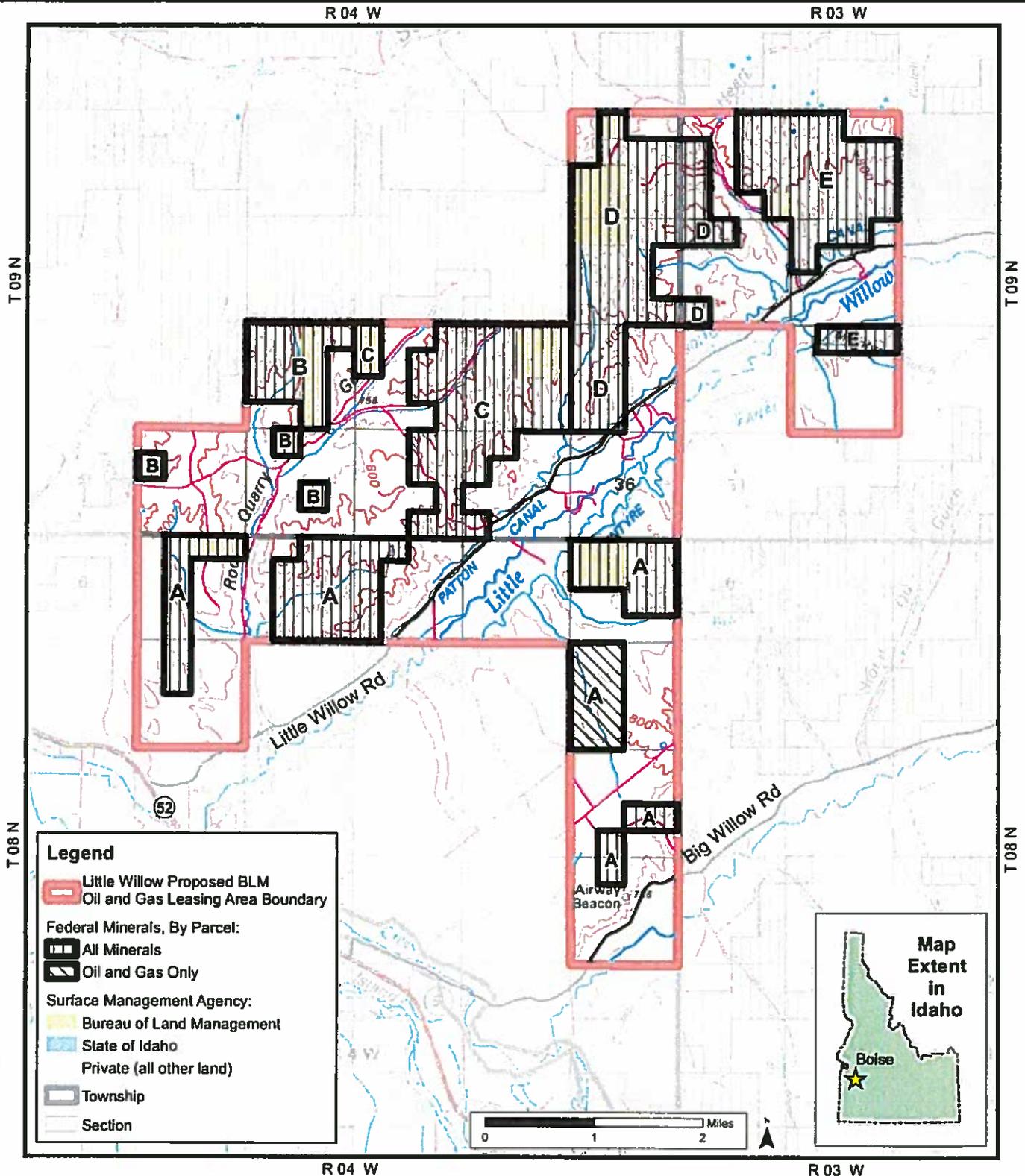
### **Cultural Resource Protection Stipulation** **Applies to all parcels**

This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations (e.g., State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and tribal consultation) under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized, or mitigated.

### **Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation** **Applies to all parcels**

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. The BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. The BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. The BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

# Map 2: Little Willow Creek Proposed BLM Oil and Gas Leasing Area





U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management, Idaho  
Boise District, Four Rivers Field Office  
Map date: December 17, 2014



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## Bidder Registration Form Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

By completing this form, I certify that the undersigned, or the principal party whom the undersigned is acting on behalf of, is in compliance with the applicable regulations and leasing authorities governing a bid and subsequent lease. I certify that any bid submitted by the undersigned or on behalf of the principal party is a good faith statement of intention by the undersigned or the principal party to acquire an oil and gas lease on the offered lands. Further, I acknowledge that if a bid is declared the high bid, it will constitute a legally binding commitment to execute the Bureau of Land Management's Form 3000-2, Competitive Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources Lease Bid, and to accept the lease.

In addition, if a bid is declared the high bid, the undersigned or the principal party will pay to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) by the close of official business hours on the day of the auction, or such other time as may be specified by the authorized officer, an amount at least equal to the minimum monies owed the day of sale for that bid, as set out in applicable regulations. The undersigned and the principal party acknowledge that these monies are due to the Bureau of Land Management as a result of winning the auction. Further, the undersigned and the principal party understand that if payment is not received by the due date, the BLM will issue a bill for monies owed, and if payment is not received, the United States will pursue collection by all appropriate methods, and as appropriate, will assess late fees, civil penalties, interest, administrative charges, and penalties on past due amounts (Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended; The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996; 31 CFR part 285).

I certify that neither I nor the principal party whom I represent owes the United States any monies that were due the day of sale from any oil and gas lease auction conducted by any Bureau of Land Management office.

It is a crime under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 for any person to knowingly and willfully make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within the jurisdiction of the government. Any such offense may result in a fine or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both.

It is a crime under 30 U.S.C. 195 (a) and (b) to organize or participate in any scheme to defeat provisions of the mineral leasing regulations or for any person to obtain money or property by means of false statements regarding a person's ability to obtain a lease. Any person who knowingly violates this provision shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500,000, imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both.

**A separate registration is required for each company or individual you are representing.**

Please fill in the company/individual name and address as it would appear on any issued lease. We will send a copy of the lease and billing notices to the name and address as shown below. (NOTE: Please use the same lessee name and address information on BLM Form 3000-2.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder Number (leave blank)

Lessee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(including area code)

Relationship to lessee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Self, Agent, Attorney-in-fact, President, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**For BLM Use Only: Type of identification:** \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
**COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS OR  
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES LEASE BID**

Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)  
Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359)  
Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025)  
Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508)

State \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Sale \_\_\_\_\_

PARCEL NUMBER	AMOUNT OF BID <i>(see instructions below)</i>	
	TOTAL BID	PAYMENT SUBMITTED WITH BID
<b>THE BID IS FOR (check one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Oil and Gas Serial/Parcel No. _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Geothermal Serial/Parcel No. _____		

The appropriate regulations applicable to this bid are: (1) for oil and gas leases—43 CFR 3120; (2) for National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) leases—43 CFR 3132; and (3) for Geothermal resources leases—43 CFR 3203.17. *(See details concerning lease qualifications on next page.)*

I CERTIFY THAT I have read and am in compliance with, and not in violation of the lessee qualification requirements under the applicable regulations for this bid.

I CERTIFY THAT this bid is not in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1860 which prohibits unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders. I further certify that this bid was arrived at independently and is tendered without collusion with any other bidder for the purpose of restricting competition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Execution of this form where the offer is the high bid, constitutes a binding lease offer including all applicable terms and conditions. Failure to comply with the applicable laws and regulations under which this bid is made will result in rejection of the bid and forfeiture of all monies submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Lessee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Lessee or Bidder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Lessee

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)                      (State)                      (Zip Code)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR OIL AND GAS OR GEOTHERMAL BID  
(Except NPR-A)**

1. Separate bid form for each lease/parcel is required. Identify by the serial/parcel number assigned in the *Notice of Competitive Lease Sale*.
2. Bid must be accompanied by the national minimum acceptable bid, the first year's rental and the administrative fee. The remittance must be in the form specified: (1) for oil and gas leases in 43 CFR 3103.1-1; and (2) for geothermal resources leases in 43 CFR 3203.17. The remainder of the bonus bid, if any, must be submitted to the proper Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office within 10 working days for oil and gas, and 15 working days for geothermal, after the last day of the oral auction. Failure to submit the remainder of the bonus bond within the statutory timeframe (or regulatory) will result in rejection or revocation, as appropriate, of the bid offer and forfeiture of all monies paid.
3. If the bidder is not the sole party in interest in the lease for which the bid is submitted, all other parties in interest may be required to furnish evidence of their qualifications upon written request by the BLM.
4. This bid may be executed (*signed*) before the oral auction. If signed before the oral auction, this form cannot be modified without being executed again.
5. In view of the above requirement (4), the bidder may wish to leave the AMOUNT OF BID section blank so that final bid amount may be either completed by the bidder or the BLM at the oral auction.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR NPR-A OIL AND GAS BID**

1. Separate bid form for each parcel is required. Identify the parcel by the number assigned to a tract.
2. Bid must be accompanied by one-fifth of the amount of the bid. The remittance must be in the form specified in 43 CFR 3132.2 for a NPR-A lease bid.
3. Mark the envelope "Bid for NPR-A Lease". Be sure correct parcel number of tract on which the bid is submitted and date of bid opening are noted plainly on envelope. No bid may be modified or withdrawn unless such modification or withdrawal is received prior to time fixed for opening of bids.
4. Mail or deliver bid to the proper BLM office or place indicated in the *Notice of Competitive Lease Sale*.
5. If the bidder is not the sole party in interest in the lease for which the bid is submitted, all other parties in interest may be required to furnish evidence of their qualifications upon written request by the BLM.

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any Department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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## QUALIFICATIONS

**For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Mineral Leasing Act (The Act) of 1920, as amended, the oral bidder must:** (1) Be a citizen of the United States; an association (*including partnerships and trusts*) of such citizens; a municipality; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; (2) Be in compliance with the acreage limitation requirements wherein the bidder's interests, direct and indirect, in oil and gas leases in the State identified do not exceed 246,080 acres each in public domain or acquired lands including acreage covered by this bid, of which not more than 200,000 acres are under options. If this bid is submitted for lands in Alaska, the bidder's holdings in each of the Alaska leasing districts do not exceed 300,000 acres, of which no more than 200,000 acres are under options in each district; (3) Be in compliance with Federal coal lease holdings as provided in sec. 2(a)2(A) of the Act; (4) Be in compliance with reclamation requirements for all Federal oil and gas holdings as required by sec. 17 of the Act; (5) Not be in violation of sec. 41 of the Act; and (6) Certify that all parties in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR Groups 3000 and 3100 and the leasing authority cited herein.

**For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, as amended, the bidder must:** (1) Be a citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years of age; an association of such citizens; a municipality; a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; or a domestic governmental unit; and (2) Be in compliance with the acreage limitation requirements wherein the bidder's interests, direct and indirect, do not exceed 51,200 acres, and (3) Certify that all parties in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR Group 3200 and the leasing authority cited herein.

**For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981, the bidder must:** (1) Be a citizen or national of the United States; an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; a private, public or municipal corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; an association of such citizens, nationals, resident aliens or private, public or municipal corporations; and (2) Certify that all parties in interest in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR Part 3130 and the leasing authority cited herein.

## NOTICES

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this bid for a Competitive Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resource Lease.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.; 30 U.S.C. 351-359; 30 U.S.C. 1001-1025; 42 U.S.C. 6508

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The information is to be used to process your bid.

**ROUTINE USES:** (1) The adjudication of the bidder's rights to the resources for which this bid is made. (2) Documentation for public information. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when comment or concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources. (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, your bid may be rejected.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Serial Number

OFFER TO LEASE AND LEASE FOR OIL AND GAS

The undersigned (page 2) offers to lease all or any of the lands in Item 2 that are available for lease pursuant to the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359), or \_\_\_\_\_ (other).

READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING

1. Name  
Street  
City, State, Zip Code

2. This application/offer/lease is for: (Check Only One)  PUBLIC DOMAIN LANDS  ACQUIRED LANDS (percent U.S. interest \_\_\_\_\_)

Surface managing agency if other than Bureau of Land Management (BLM): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Project \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of land requested: \*Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Sale Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

\*See Item 2 in Instructions below prior to completing Parcel Number and Sale Date.

T.                      R.                      Meridian                      State                      County

Amount remitted: Filing fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rental fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total acres applied for \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

3. Land included in lease:

T.                      R.                      Meridian                      State                      County

Total acres in lease \_\_\_\_\_  
Rental retained \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This lease is issued granting the exclusive right to drill for, mine, extract, remove and dispose of all the oil and gas (except helium) in the lands described in Item 3 together with the right to build and maintain necessary improvements thereupon for the term indicated below, subject to renewal or extension in accordance with the appropriate leasing authority. Rights granted are subject to applicable laws, the terms, conditions, and attached stipulations of this lease, the Secretary of the Interior's regulations and formal orders in effect as of lease issuance, and to regulations and formal orders hereafter promulgated when not inconsistent with lease rights granted or specific provisions of this lease.

NOTE: This lease is issued to the high bidder pursuant to his/her duly executed bid form submitted under 43 CFR 3120 and is subject to the provisions of that bid and those specified on this form.

Type and primary term:

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Noncompetitive lease (ten years)

by \_\_\_\_\_  
(BLM)

Competitive lease (ten years)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)                      (Date)

Other \_\_\_\_\_ EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEASE \_\_\_\_\_

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4. (a) Undersigned certifies that (1) offeror is a citizen of the United States; an association of such citizens; a municipality; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof, (2) all parties holding an interest in the offer are in compliance with 43 CFR 3100 and the leasing authorities; (3) offeror's chargeable interests, direct and indirect, in each public domain and acquired lands separately in the same State, do not exceed 246,080 acres in oil and gas leases (of which up to 200,000 acres may be in oil and gas options or 300,000 acres in leases in each leasing District in Alaska of which up to 200,000 acres may be in options), (4) offeror is not considered a minor under the laws of the State in which the lands covered by this offer are located; (5) offeror is in compliance with qualifications concerning Federal coal lease holdings provided in sec. 2(a)2(A) of the Mineral Leasing Act; (6) offeror is in compliance with reclamation requirements for all Federal oil and gas lease holdings as required by sec. 17(g) of the Mineral Leasing Act; and (7) offeror is not in violation of sec. 41 of the Act. (b) Undersigned agrees that signature to this offer constitutes acceptance of this lease, including all terms conditions, and stipulations of which offeror has been given notice, and any amendment or separate lease that may include any land described in this offer open to leasing at the time this offer was filed but omitted for any reason from this lease. The offeror further agrees that this offer cannot be withdrawn, either in whole or in part unless the withdrawal is received by the proper BLM State Office before this lease, an amendment to this lease, or a separate lease, whichever covers the land described in the withdrawal, has been signed on behalf of the United States.

**This offer will be rejected and will afford offeror no priority if it is not properly completed and executed in accordance with the regulations, or if it is not accompanied by the required payments.**

Duly executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Lessee or Attorney-in-fact)

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#### LEASE TERMS

Sec. 1. Rentals--Rentals must be paid to proper office of lessor in advance of each lease year. Annual rental rates per acre or fraction thereof are:

- (a) Noncompetitive lease, \$1.50 for the first 5 years; thereafter \$2.00;
- (b) Competitive lease, \$1.50; for the first 5 years; thereafter \$2.00;
- (c) Other, see attachment, or

as specified in regulations at the time this lease is issued.

If this lease or a portion thereof is committed to an approved cooperative or unit plan which includes a well capable of producing leased resources, and the plan contains a provision for allocation of production, royalties must be paid on the production allocated to this lease. However, annual rentals must continue to be due at the rate specified in (a), (b), or (c) rentals for those lands not within a participating area.

Failure to pay annual rental, if due, on or before the anniversary date of this lease (or next official working day if office is closed) must automatically terminate this lease by operation of law. Rentals may be waived, reduced, or suspended by the Secretary upon a sufficient showing by lessee.

Sec. 2. Royalties--Royalties must be paid to proper office of lessor. Royalties must be computed in accordance with regulations on production removed or sold. Royalty rates are:

- (a) Noncompetitive lease, 12 1/2%;
- (b) Competitive lease, 12 1/2 %;
- (c) Other, see attachment, or

as specified in regulations at the time this lease is issued.

Lessor reserves the right to specify whether royalty is to be paid in value or in kind, and the right to establish reasonable minimum values on products after giving lessee notice and an opportunity to be heard. When paid in value, royalties must be due and payable on the last day of the month following the month in which production occurred. When paid in kind, production must be delivered, unless otherwise agreed to by lessor, in merchantable condition on the premises where produced without cost to lessor. Lessee must not be required to hold such production in storage beyond the last day of the month following the month in which production occurred, nor must lessee be held liable for loss or destruction of royalty oil or other products in storage from causes beyond the reasonable control of lessee.

Minimum royalty in lieu of rental of not less than the rental which otherwise would be required for that lease year must be payable at the end of each lease year beginning on or after a discovery in paying quantities. This minimum royalty may be waived, suspended, or reduced, and the above royalty rates may be reduced, for all or portions of this lease if the Secretary determines that such action is necessary to encourage the greatest ultimate recovery of the leased resources, or is otherwise justified.

An interest charge will be assessed on late royalty payments or underpayments in accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) (30 U.S.C. 1701). Lessee must be liable for royalty payments on oil and gas lost or wasted from a lease site when such loss or waste is due to negligence on the part of the operator, or due to the failure to comply with any rule, regulation, order, or citation issued under FOGRMA or the leasing authority.

Sec. 3. Bonds - A bond must be filed and maintained for lease operations as required under regulations.

Sec. 4. Diligence, rate of development, unitization, and drainage - Lessee must exercise reasonable diligence in developing and producing, and must prevent unnecessary damage to, loss of, or waste of leased resources. Lessor reserves right to specify rates of development and production in the public interest and to require lessee to subscribe to a cooperative or unit plan, within 30 days of notice, if deemed necessary for proper development and operation of area, field, or pool embracing these leased lands. Lessee must drill and produce wells necessary to protect leased lands from drainage or pay compensatory royalty for drainage in amount determined by lessor.

Sec. 5. Documents, evidence, and inspection - Lessee must file with proper office of lessor, not later than 30 days after effective date thereof, any contract or evidence of other arrangement for sale or disposal of production. At such times and in such form as lessor may prescribe, lessee must furnish detailed statements showing amounts and quality of all products removed and sold, proceeds therefrom, and amount used for production purposes or unavoidably lost. Lessee may be required to provide plats and schematic diagrams showing development work and improvements, and reports with respect to parties in interest, expenditures, and depreciation costs. In the form prescribed by lessor, lessee must keep a daily drilling record, a log, information on well surveys and tests, and a record of subsurface investigations and furnish copies to lessor when required. Lessee must keep open at all reasonable times for inspection by any representative of lessor, the leased premises and all wells, improvements, machinery, and fixtures thereon, and all books, accounts, maps, and records relative to operations, surveys, or investigations on or in the leased lands. Lessee must maintain copies of all contracts, sales agreements, accounting records, and documentation such as billings, invoices, or similar documentation that supports costs claimed as manufacturing, preparation, and/or transportation costs. All such records must be maintained in lessee's accounting offices for future audit by lessor. Lessee must maintain required records for 6 years after they are generated or, if an audit or investigation is underway, until released of the obligation to maintain such records by lessor.

During existence of this lease, information obtained under this section will be closed to inspection by the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Sec. 6. Conduct of operations - Lessee must conduct operations in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts to the land, air, and water, to cultural, biological, visual, and other resources, and to other land uses or users. Lessee must take reasonable measures deemed necessary by lessor to accomplish the intent of this section. To the extent consistent with lease rights granted, such measures may include, but are not limited to, modification to siting or design of facilities, timing of operations, and specification of interim and final reclamation measures. Lessor reserves the right to continue existing uses and to authorize future uses upon or in the leased lands, including the approval of easements or rights-of-way. Such uses must be conditioned so as to prevent unnecessary or unreasonable interference with rights of lessee.

Prior to disturbing the surface of the leased lands, lessee must contact lessor to be apprised of procedures to be followed and modifications or reclamation measures that may be necessary. Areas to be disturbed may require inventories or special studies to determine the extent of impacts to other resources. Lessee may be required to complete minor inventories or short term special studies under guidelines provided by lessor. If in the conduct of operations, threatened or endangered species, objects of historic or scientific interest, or substantial unanticipated environmental effects are observed, lessee must immediately contact lessor. Lessee must cease any operations that would result in the destruction of such species or objects.

Sec. 7. Mining operations - To the extent that impacts from mining operations would be substantially different or greater than those associated with normal drilling operations, lessor reserves the right to deny approval of such operations.

Sec. 8. Extraction of helium - Lessor reserves the option of extracting or having extracted helium from gas production in a manner specified and by means provided by lessor at no expense or loss to lessee or owner of the gas. Lessee must include in any contract of sale of gas the provisions of this section.

Sec. 9. Damages to property - Lessee must pay lessor for damage to lessor's improvements, and must save and hold lessor harmless from all claims for damage or harm to persons or property as a result of lease operations.

Sec. 10. Protection of diverse interests and equal opportunity - Lessee must pay, when due, all taxes legally assessed and levied under laws of the State or the United States; accord all employees complete freedom of purchase; pay all wages at least twice each month in lawful money of the United States; maintain a safe working environment in accordance with standard industry practices; and take measures necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.

Lessor reserves the right to ensure that production is sold at reasonable prices and to prevent monopoly. If lessee operates a pipeline, or owns controlling interest in a pipeline or a company operating a pipeline, which may be operated accessible to oil derived from these leased lands, lessee must comply with section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.

Lessee must comply with Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant thereto. Neither lessee nor lessee's subcontractors must maintain segregated facilities.

Sec. 11. Transfer of lease interests and relinquishment of lease - As required by regulations, lessee must file with lessor any assignment or other transfer of an interest in this lease. Lessee may relinquish this lease or any legal subdivision by filing in the proper office a written relinquishment, which will be effective as of the date of filing, subject to the continued obligation of the lessee and surety to pay all accrued rentals and royalties.

Sec. 12. Delivery of premises - At such time as all or portions of this lease are returned to lessor, lessee must place affected wells in condition for suspension or abandonment, reclaim the land as specified by lessor and, within a reasonable period of time, remove equipment and improvements not deemed necessary by lessor for preservation of producible wells.

Sec. 13. Proceedings in case of default - If lessee fails to comply with any provisions of this lease, and the noncompliance continues for 30 days after written notice thereof, this lease will be subject to cancellation unless or until the leasehold contains a well capable of production of oil or gas in paying quantities, or the lease is committed to an approved cooperative or unit plan or communitization agreement which contains a well capable of production of unitized substances in paying quantities. This provision will not be construed to prevent the exercise by lessor of any other legal and equitable remedy, including waiver of the default. Any such remedy or waiver will not prevent later cancellation for the same default occurring at any other time. Lessee will be subject to applicable provisions and penalties of FOGMA (30 U.S.C. 1701).

Sec. 14. Heirs and successors-in-interest - Each obligation of this lease will extend to and be binding upon, and every benefit hereof will inure to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, beneficiaries, or assignees of the respective parties hereto.

**A. General:**

1. Page 1 of this form is to be completed only by parties filing for a noncompetitive lease. The BLM will complete page 1 of the form for all other types of leases.
2. Entries must be typed or printed plainly in ink. Offeror must sign Item 4 in ink.
3. An original and two copies of this offer must be prepared and filed in the proper BLM State Office. See regulations at 43 CFR 1821.2-1 for office locations.
4. If more space is needed, additional sheets must be attached to each copy of the form submitted.

**B. Special:**

Item 1 - Enter offeror's name and billing address.

Item 2 - Identify the mineral status and, if acquired lands, percentage of Federal ownership of applied for minerals. Indicate the agency controlling the surface of the land and the name of the unit or project which the land is a part. The same offer may not include both Public

Domain and Acquired lands. Offeror also may provide other information that will assist in establishing title for minerals. The description of land must conform to 43 CFR 3110. A single parcel number and Sale Date will be the only acceptable description during the period from the first day following the end of a competitive process until the end of that same month, using the parcel number on the List of Lands Available for Competitive Nominations or the Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, whichever is appropriate.

Payments: The amount remitted must include the filing fee and the first year's rental at the rate of \$1.50 per acre or fraction thereof. The full rental based on the total acreage applied for must accompany an offer even if the mineral interest of the United States is less than 100 percent. The filing fee will be retained as a service charge even if the offer is completely rejected or withdrawn. To protect priority, it is important that the rental submitted be sufficient to cover all the land requested. If the land requested includes lots or irregular quarter-quarter sections, the exact area of which is not known to the offeror, rental should be submitted on the basis of each such lot or quarter-quarter section containing 40 acres. If the offer is withdrawn or rejected in whole or in part before a lease issues, the rental remitted for the parts withdrawn or rejected will be returned.

Item 3 - This space will be completed by the United States.

**NOTICES**

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulations in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this oil and gas lease offer.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.; 30 U.S.C 351-359.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The information is to be used to process oil and gas offers and leases.

**ROUTINE USES:** (1) The adjudication of the lessee's rights to the land or resources. (2) Documentation for public information in support of notations made on land status records for the management, disposal, and use of public lands and resources. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when consent or concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources. (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** If all the information is not provided, the offer may be rejected. See regulations at 43 CFR 3100.



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Attachment to Lease Form 3100-11

NOTICE TO LESSEE

Provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, affect an entity's qualifications to obtain an oil and gas lease. Section 2(a)(2)(A) of the MLA, 30 U.S.C. 201(a)(2)(A), requires that any entity that holds and has held a Federal coal lease for 10 years beginning on or after August 4, 1976, and which is not producing coal in commercial quantities from each such lease, cannot qualify for the issuance of any other lease granted under the MLA. Compliance by coal lessees with Section 2(a)(2)(A) is explained in 43 CFR 3472.

In accordance with the terms of this oil and gas lease with respect to compliance by the initial lessee with qualifications concerning Federal coal lease holdings, all assignees and transferees are hereby notified that this oil and gas lease is subject to cancellation if: (1) the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor has falsely certified compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A), or (2) because of a denial or disapproval by a State Office of a pending coal action, i.e., arms-length assignment, relinquishment, or logical mining unit, the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor is no longer in compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A). The assignee, sublessee or transferee does not qualify as a bona fide purchaser and, thus, has no rights to bona fide purchaser protection in the event of cancellation of this lease due to noncompliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A).

The lease case file, as well as in other Bureau of Land Management (BLM) records available through the state office issuing this lease, contains information regarding assignor or transferor compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A).

## LEASE NOTICES

An Information Notice (lease notice) conveys certain requirements relative to lease management within the terms and conditions of the standard lease form. Information Notices shall not be a basis for denial of lease operations.

### LN-A, DRAINAGE

Parts of this lease may potentially be subject to drainage by wells located on adjacent private lands. The lessee shall, within 6 months of the drilling and completion of any productive well on the adjacent private lands, submit for approval by the authorized officer:

1. Plans for protecting the lease from drainage (43 CFR § 3162.2-3). The plan must include either (a) a completed Application for Permit to Drill for each of the necessary protective wells, or (b) a proposal for inclusion in a unitization or communitization agreement for the affected portion of the lease. Any agreement should provide for an appropriate share of the production from the offending well to be allocated to the lease; or
2. Engineering, geologic and economic data to demonstrate to the authorized officer's satisfaction that no drainage has occurred or is occurring and/or that a new protective well(s) would have little or no chance of production sufficient to yield a reasonable rate of return in excess of the costs of drilling, completing and operating the well.

If no plan, agreement, or data is submitted and drainage is determined to be occurring, compensatory royalty will be assessed. Compensatory royalty will be assessed on the first day following expiration of the 6-month period, and shall continue until a protective well has been drilled and placed into production status, or until the offending well ceases production, whichever occurs first. The lessee shall be obligated to pay compensatory royalty to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) at a rate to be determined by the BLM authorized officer.

### LN-B, SPLIT ESTATE

Portions of the surface estate of this lease are privately owned (i.e. split estate lands). While the Federal mineral lessee has the right to enter the property for necessary purposes related to lease development, the lessee is responsible for making arrangements, formalized in a Surface Use Agreement, with the surface owner prior to entry upon the lands. Lessee is hereby informed that the United States will not participate as a third party in negotiations between the lessee and the surface owner. Any agreement reached between the lessee and the surface owner(s) will not be binding on the United States.

Prior to submitting an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for BLM's approval, lessee is required to submit the name, address, and phone number of the surface owner, if known, in its APD. The lessee must also make a good faith effort to provide a copy of their Surface Use Plan of Operations to the surface owner. After the APD is approved, the operator must make a good faith effort to provide a copy of the Conditions of Approval to the surface owner.

The lessee will be required to certify to the BLM in writing that: (1) It made a good faith effort to notify the surface owner before entry; and (2) that a Surface Use Agreement with the surface owner has been reached, or that a good faith effort to reach an agreement failed. If no agreement can be reached with the surface owner, the lessee must submit an adequate bond (minimum of \$1,000) to the BLM, for the benefit of the surface owner, sufficient to pay for loss or damages. The surface owner has the right to appeal the sufficiency of the bond.