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In Reply Refer To:
January 26, 2016 Comp Sale
1600/3100 (MTC030.SZ)

December 14, 2015

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an Expression of Interest (nomination) to sell Federal oil and gas leases on 1 parcel of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcel is located within the North Dakota Field Office (NDFO) area. The preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations is posted on our website, listed below, for a 15-day scoping period for your review.

The BLM makes mineral resources available for use to meet national, regional, and local needs. Under the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987, the BLM conducts oil and gas lease sales quarterly in each state whenever eligible lands are available for leasing. Prior to offering nominated parcels for lease at a sale, if analysis is warranted, BLM will complete an environmental assessment (EA) to disclose the potential impacts from issuing Federal oil and gas leases and identify stipulations that would be included with each lease.

We have posted a preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations on our website for your review. Please refer to the Montana/Dakotas BLM website at http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/prog/energy/oil_and_gas/leasing/leasesaleinfo.html. Current and updated information about our EAs, Lease Sale Notices, and corresponding information pertaining to this sale can be found at the link referenced above. Once there, search for the July 12, 2016 lease sale to review the preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations.

If you have any comments or issues that we should consider addressing in our analysis, please provide comments using one of the following methods:

Email: BLM_MT_North_DakotaFO_Lease_EA@blm.gov

Mail: North Dakota Field Office
Attention: Oil and Gas EA
99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A
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Contact: Paul Kelley (701) 227-7767

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

To be most useful, we should receive your comments before December 29, 2015. All submissions from organizations, from businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses, will be available for public review.

If analysis is warranted, an environmental assessment (EA) will be available for a 30-day review beginning on February 8, 2016.

Please contact Paul Kelley, Natural Resource Specialist, at (701) 227-7767 or pwkelley@blm.gov with questions. We appreciate your attention to this review and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Loren Wickstrom
Field Manager