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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) South Dakota Field Office (SDFO) has prepared a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) to analyze the potential effects from offering three nominated lease parcels for competitive oil and gas leasing in a sale tentatively scheduled to occur on July 12, 2016.

The DNA is available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments must be postmarked by March 10, 2016 to be considered. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

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Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – will be available for public review. If you wish to withhold personal identifying information from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you must clearly state, in the first line of your written comment, “CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED.” While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations, businesses, and individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses, will be available for public review.

Upon review and consideration of public comments, the EA will be updated as needed. Based on our analysis, parcels recommended for leasing in our assessment would be included as part of a competitive oil and gas lease sale tentatively scheduled to occur on July 12, 2016.

Prior to issuance of any leases, the Decision Record (DR) will be finalized and posted for public review on our BLM website. Please refer to the Montana/Dakotas BLM website at <http://blm.gov/qtd>. Current and updated information about our DNAs, EAs, Lease Sale Notices 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 DNA, please contact us at (605) 723-8714.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chip Kimball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Chip Kimball
Field Manager

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