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In Reply Refer To:

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October 18, 2016 Lease Sale

March 21, 2016

Re: Oil and Gas Lease Parcel Preliminary Review

Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest (nominations) to sell Federal oil and gas leases on three parcels of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcels are located within the Billings Field Office (BiFO) area. The preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations is posted on the BLM e-Planning website, listed below, for a 15-day scoping period for your review starting on March 22, 2016.

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, the 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 the BLM e-Planning website for your review. Please refer to the BLM e-Planning website for updated information and associated documents pertaining to this sale at <http://1.usa.gov/1Mq9n1T>.

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_BillingsFO_Lease_EA@blm.gov

Mail: Billings Field Office
Attention: Craig Drake
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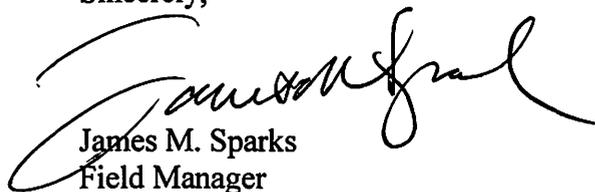
Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from 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 April 6, 2016. 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 EA will be available for a 30-day review beginning on May 16, 2016 at the link listed above. A letter requesting your assistance in providing comments to our EA will be sent to you at that time.

Please contact Craig Drake, Assistant Field Manager, at (406) 896-5349 with questions. We appreciate your attention to this review and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



James M. Sparks
Field Manager