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BLM Wyoming Posts Proposed Parcels for September 21, 2017 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

The Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office has posted its proposed list of parcels for the quarterly competitive oil and gas lease sale scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017. This sale is being held online at energynet.com.

The posted list, which identifies 140 parcels totaling 118,055.540 acres, initiates a 30-day public protest period. The protest period ends at 4:00 p.m. on June 22, 2017. The sale includes parcels located in Big Horn, Campbell, Converse, Crook, Fremont, Goshen, Johnson, Niobrara, Sheridan, Washakie, and Weston counties in Wyoming.

This is the second Oil and Gas lease sale held online for BLM parcels in Wyoming. Moving to online lease sales comes in response to authority provided by Congress as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2015, which amended the Mineral Leasing Act allowing the BLM to conduct online lease sales.

Online sales have the potential to generate greater competition and higher bonus bids by making participation easier, because bidders do not have to travel to a central location. Online sales also provide an opportunity to reduce administrative costs associated with lease sale activities and to provide greater transparency to the public. Observers may log on to the EnergyNet platform (energynet.com) to see a sale as it progresses.

Copies of the complete September 21, 2017 competitive oil and gas lease sale notice can be purchased in advance for \$5 from the BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82003, or by writing: BLM, Attn: Copy Work, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Copies are also available for purchase from each BLM field office in Wyoming.

The complete September 21, 2017 competitive oil and gas lease sale notice may be viewed and/or downloaded free of charge at <http://bit.ly/2g081Ft>. Oil and gas leasing Environmental Assessments, including public comments are also available on the website.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future

generations. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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