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BLM Wyoming High Desert District

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BLM Seeks Public Comments on May 2017 Oil and Gas Lease Parcels

The Bureau of Land Management High Desert District is seeking public comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the May 2017 Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale parcel offering.

Twenty-eight parcels totaling 32,965.03 acres will be offered within the district, including 13 parcels in the Rawlins Field Office, one in the Pinedale Field Office, and 14 in the Kemmerer Field Office. No parcels were nominated in the Rock Springs Field Office.

An EA addresses the impacts of offering 28 parcels that are available for oil and gas leasing. The EA is available online at <http://bit.ly/2cQ8LMx>.

Public comments are an essential component of the National Environmental Policy Act process. The public is encouraged to identify issues, concerns, ideas or mitigation opportunities not currently addressed in the EA to help ensure the best possible analysis. Written comments may be mailed or delivered to the BLM High Desert District, Attn: Tom Foertsch, 280 Highway 191 N., Rock Springs WY 82901; faxed to 307-352-0329; or emailed to BLM_WY_HDD_May_Parcels@blm.gov with "May 2017 Lease Parcels" in the subject line. Comments must be postmarked or delivered by December 9, 2016.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you may 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.

For more information, please contact Tom Foertsch at 307-352-0249.

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