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In Reply Refer To:
July 11, 2017 Comp Sale
3100 (MTC040)

December 9, 2016

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest (nominations) to sell Federal oil and gas leases on one parcel of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcels are located within the South Dakota Field Office (SDFO) 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, BLM will complete an determination of NEPA adequacy (DNA) 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://on.doi.gov/2g5FmzC>. Current and updated information about our EAs, DNAs, Lease Sale Notices, and corresponding information pertaining to this sale can be found at the link referenced above. Once there, search for the July 11, 2017 lease sale under the 2017 Lease Sales tab 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_south_dakotafo_lease_ea@blm.gov

Mail: South Dakota Field Office
Attention: Oil and Gas EA
309 Bonanza Street
Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717

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.

To be most useful, we should receive your comments before January 3, 2017. All submissions from organizations, businesses, and individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses, will be available for public review.

We plan to have the environmental assessment (EA) available for a 30-day public review beginning on February 7, 2017.

Please contact Russ Pigors, Physical Scientist, at (605) 892-7012 or rpigors@blm.gov with questions. We appreciate your attention to this review and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

/s/Chip Kimball

Chip Kimball
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