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BLM to Offer 83 Parcels in the High Plains District First Quarter 2018 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

In its ongoing effort to provide opportunities for responsible energy development, support the creation of jobs, and facilitate positive economic impacts to local communities, the Bureau of Land Management today released its initial environmental analysis for the High Plains District First Quarter 2018 competitive oil and gas lease sale. The document is available for a 30-day public comment period.

The lease sale includes 83 parcels and approximately 48,153 acres of federal mineral estate within the High Plains District, which is comprised of the Buffalo, Casper, and Newcastle Field Offices. The Draft Environmental Assessment studies the potential offering of 30 parcels totaling 15,274 acres in the Buffalo Field Office, 47 parcels totaling 31,838 acres in the Casper Field Office and 6 parcels totaling 1,041 acres in the Newcastle Field Office. The BLM will hold the lease sale online via www.energynet.com.

Public comments on the draft EA will be accepted through Aug. 23, 2017. Email comments to Casper_WYMail@blm.gov with "First Quarter 2018 Lease Sale Parcels" in the subject line. Mail or deliver written comments to Randy Sorenson, High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

The Draft EA is available for review online at <https://on.doi.gov/2tY89bD>.

The public comments and information submitted regarding this project including names, email addresses and street addresses of the respondents will be available for

public review and disclosure at the district office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) weekdays, except holidays.

If you choose to submit a comment, please be advised that your entire comment—including any personal identifying information (i.e., address, phone number, or email address)—may be publicly available. While you may request in your comment that BLM withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individual identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are made available for public inspection in their entirety.

For more information, please contact BLM Resource Advisor Randy Sorenson at 307-261-7522 or email Casper_WYMail@blm.gov.

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 manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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