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## **BLM to Offer 89 Parcels in the Wind River/Bighorn Basin 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 Wind River/Bighorn Basin 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 89 parcels and approximately 125,507 acres of federal mineral estate within the Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, which is comprised of the Cody, Lander and Worland field offices. The draft Environmental Assessment studies the potential offering of 16 parcels totaling 18,305 acres in the Cody Field Office; 65 parcels totaling 101,947 acres in the Lander Field Office; and 8 parcels totaling 5,255 acres in the Worland Field Office. The BLM will hold the lease sale online via [www.energynet.com](http://www.energynet.com).

Public comments on the draft EA will be accepted through Aug. 23, 2017. Email comments to [blm\\_wy\\_wrbbd\\_lease@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wy_wrbbd_lease@blm.gov) with "WY-181Q Lease Parcels" in the subject line. Mail or deliver written comments to Rita Allen, BLM Wind River/Bighorn Basin District Office, 101 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Worland, WY 82401.

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 Rita Allen at 307-347-5100 or email [blm\\_wy\\_wrbdd\\_lease@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wy_wrbdd_lease@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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