



News Release

BLM High Plains District

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 23, 2018

Contact: Brady Owens, (307) 261-7603, bowens@blm.gov

BLM to Offer 84 Parcels in the High Plains District Third 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 released its initial environmental analysis for the High Plains District Third Quarter 2018 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale. The document is available for a 30-day public comment period.

The lease sale includes 84 parcels and approximately 50,524 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 (EA) studies the potential offering of 28 parcels totaling 14,715 acres in the Buffalo Field Office; 37 parcels totaling 23,029 acres in the Casper Field Office; and 19 parcels totaling 12,780 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 Feb. 21, 2018. Email comments to Casper_WYMail@blm.gov with "Third Quarter 2018 Lease Parcels" in the subject line. Mail or deliver written comments to Randy Sorenson, BLM High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604-2987.

The draft EA is available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xn9Cw>.

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 rsorenso@blm.gov

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency'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. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$75 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2016—more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 372,000 jobs.

- BLM -