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## **BLM to offer 22 parcels in the Wind River/Bighorn Basin District third quarter 2018 competitive oil and gas lease sale**

WORLAND, Wyo. – 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 has released its initial environmental analysis for the Wind River/Bighorn Basin District third quarter 2018 competitive oil and gas lease sale. The document is available for public review and comment through Feb. 21, 2018.

The lease sale includes 22 parcels and approximately 29,627 acres of federal mineral estate within the Wind River/Bighorn Basin District. The draft environmental assessment (EA) studies the potential offering of 20 parcels totaling 28,793 acres in the Lander Field Office and 2 parcels totaling 834 acres in the Worland Field Office. No parcels were nominated in the Cody 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 Feb. 21, 2018. Email comments to [blm\\_wy\\_wrbbd\\_lease@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wy_wrbbd_lease@blm.gov) with “WY-183Q 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://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 Rita Allen at 307-347-5100 or email [blm\\_wy\\_wrbbd\\_lease@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wy_wrbbd_lease@blm.gov).

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