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August 31, 2021

In Reply Refer To: Montana-Dakotas Comp Sale

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest to sell Federal oil and gas leases on 29 parcels of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcels are located within the Billings Field Office, Miles City Field Office, North Dakota Field Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Dakota Prairie Grasslands (USFS) areas. The preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations for the 29 parcels is posted on the BLM e-Planning website, for a 30-day scoping period for review starting on August 31, 2021. To be most useful, we should receive your comments before October 1, 2021.

If you have any comments or know of any issues that should be addressed in our analysis of the parcels, please provide comments using one of the following methods:

Electronic: BLM e-Planning website – <u>https://eplanning.blm.gov</u>
Advanced Search for NEPA # DOI-BLM-MT-0000-2021-0006-EA
Click "Documents"
Click "Comment on Document"

Mail: Bureau of Land Management Montana/Dakotas State Office Branch of Fluid Minerals Attn: Christine Cimiluca 5001 Southgate Drive Billings, MT 59101

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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

An Environmental Assessment will be available for a 30-day review beginning on October 29, 2021 at the link listed above. Prior to issuance of any leases, the Decision Recordand FONSI will be finalized and posted for public review on our BLM e-Planning website. Please refer to the BLM e-Planning website at https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. Current and updated information about our EA, Lease Sale Notice, and corresponding information pertaining to this sale can be found at the link referenced above.

We appreciate your attention to this review and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gibbs Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Bureau of Land Management Montana-Dakotas State Office