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March 31, 2023

In Reply Refer To:  
September 12, 2023 Comp Sale

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest to sell Federal oil and gas leases on 68 parcels of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcels are located within the Havre Field Office, Malta Field Office, Lewistown Field Office, Billings Field Office, Miles City Field Office, North Dakota Field Office, and Dakota Prairie Grasslands (USFS) areas. The preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations for the 68 parcels is posted on the BLM e-Planning website, for a 30-day scoping period for review starting on March 31, 2023. To be most useful, we should receive your comments before May 1, 2023.

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 – <https://eplanning.blm.gov>  
Advanced Search for NEPA # DOI-BLM-MT-0000-2023-0002-EA  
Click “Documents”  
Click “Comment on Document”

Mail: Bureau of Land Management  
Montana/Dakotas State Office  
Branch of Fluid Minerals  
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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 May 26, 2023 at the link listed above. Prior to issuance of any leases, the Decision Record and 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](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