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September 9, 2024

In Reply Refer To: Quarter 2, April 2025 Competitive Sale

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest to sell Federal oil and gas leases in a future lease sale. The preliminary parcel list with recommended stipulations for the nominated parcels is posted on the BLM e-Planning website, for a 30-day scoping period for review starting on September 12, 2024. To be most useful, we should receive your comments before October 15, 2024.

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-0000-2024-0005-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 November 12, 2024 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/eplanning-ui/home. 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,

Hattie Payne Acting Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Bureau of Land Management Montana-Dakotas State Office