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August 27, 2025

In Reply Refer To:
Quarter 1, January 2026 Competitive Sale
3160 (MT92200)

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest to sell Federal oil and gas leases on 20 parcels of Federal minerals within the North Dakota, Havre, and Miles City Field Offices, US Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grasslands, McKenzie Ranger District, the US Army Corps of Engineers Garrison Dam/Lake Sakakawea Project, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge in a future lease sale. All information regarding the lease sale, including the Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and all corresponding appendices, maps, and map data are available on the BLM's ePlanning website link below.

Public Involvement Opportunity

A 30-day comment period will be available starting on August 29, 2025, and ending September 29, 2025. Electronic comment submission is available; written comments must be postmarked by September 29, 2025, to be considered. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, specific to the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action and include supporting reasons for the BLM to consider. Issues identified from public comment may be used to modify or add project design features, mitigation, or alternatives.

Comments may be submitted using the following methods:

Electronic: BLM e-Planning website – <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home>,
<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/admin/project/2039217/510>

-Use the "Text Search" tab with the below State/Office/Document Type/Fiscal Year -Click Search and select DOI-BLM-MT-0000-2025-0008-EA Montana-Dakotas Q1 January 2026 Oil and Gas Lease Sale from the search result below.

-Click "Documents" on the left hand side of the screen to display documents available for review.

-Click "Comment on Document" to submit comments.

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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.

Prior to issuance of any leases, the Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact (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.

If you have any questions or would like more information about lease sale notices or the issuance of the EA, Decision Record and FONSI, please contact Hattie Payne, Natural Resource Specialist at (701) 260-4997.

Sincerely,

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