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## BLM seeks comments on parcels offered in March oil and gas lease sale

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**MOAB, Utah** — In keeping with the Administration's America First Energy Plan, the Bureau of Land Management today began a 30-day public comment on two environmental documents – a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) – evaluating offering about 51,400 acres of federal minerals in southeastern Utah for oil and gas leasing.

The proposal includes 43 parcels in Grand and San Juan Counties. The EA, DNA, maps and lease stipulations are available for review at https://go.usa.gov/xNfAT.

The BLM received over 500 comments during the public scoping period announced in June to help identify issues to be addressed in the environmental documents.

"The BLM welcomes your diverse views as public involvement is an integral part in our evaluation of the proposal," said Christina Price, Moab Field Manager. "The most effective comments will address issues and concerns specific to the parcels being considered."

Comments will be most helpful if received by Oct. 23, 2017 and accepted via BLM's ePlanning website at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xNfAT">https://go.usa.gov/xNfAT</a>. You may also send comments via email at <a href="mailto:BLM">BLM UT MB Comments@blm.gov</a> or mailed to the BLM Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, UT 84532 (include "Canyon Country District March 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale" in the subject line).

Oil and gas development on BLM-managed lands in Utah contributed \$1.7 billion to the economy and supported 9,171 jobs in Fiscal Year 2016.

For more information, please contact Doug Rowles, BLM Moab Field Office at (435) 259-2100.

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, please be aware the entire comment, including personal identifying information, may become publicly available. While individuals may request BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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