



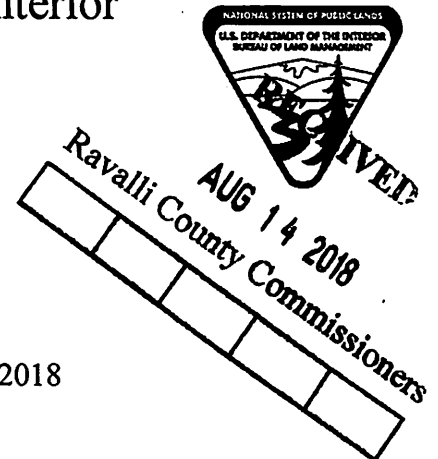
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In Reply Refer To:

December 11, 2018 Comp Sale
3160 (MT00200)

August 10, 2018



Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest to sell Federal oil and gas leases on 102 parcels of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcels are located within the Havre, Glasgow, Butte, Dillon, Billings, Miles City, and North Dakota Field Office areas. The Environmental Assessment (EA), unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and recommended stipulations for the 102 parcels is posted on the BLM e-Planning website, for a 15-day scoping period for review starting on August 10, 2018. Written comments must be postmarked by August 24, 2018, to be considered. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

Electronic: BLM e-Planning website – <https://eplanning.blm.gov>
Advanced Search for NEPA # DOI-BLM-MT-0000-2018-0002-EA
Click “Documents”
Click “Comment on Document”

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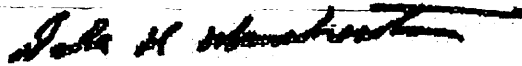
Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold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

Upon review and consideration of public comments, the EA will be updated as needed. Based on our analysis, parcels recommended for leasing in our assessment would be included as part of a competitive oil and gas lease sale tentatively scheduled to occur on December 11, 2018.

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. for current and updated information about our EA, Lease Sale Notice, and corresponding information pertaining to this sale.

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 Tom Barrett, Natural Resource Specialist, at (406) 791-7766 or Tessa Wallace, Natural Resource Specialist at 406-791-7768.

Sincerely,



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