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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lewistown Field Office prepared an environmental assessment (EA, DOI-BLM-MT-060-2013-0015-EA) to analyze the potential effects from offering three nominated lease parcels for competitive oil and gas leasing in a sale that is tentatively scheduled to occur on October 22, 2013. The EA was available for a 30-day public comment period.

Based on our analysis and review of comments received, the EA has been updated (refer to Chapter 5 of the EA for a summary of public comments). A competitive oil and gas lease sale is tentatively scheduled to be held on October 22, 2013. It will be my recommendation to offer the three lease parcels in whole, 760 federal mineral acres with private surface, along with stipulations identified in the BLM preferred alternative in the updated EA, see Appendix A.

We anticipate preparing and finalizing our Decision Record after the October oil and gas lease sale, but prior to lease issuance. Upon finalization, the Decision Record and any required accompanying documents will be posted on the website listed below.

Please refer to the Montana/Dakotas BLM website at <http://blm.gov/h2kd>. Current and updated information about our EAs, Lease Sale Notices, and corresponding information pertaining to this sale can be found at the link referenced above. Once there, locate the October 22, 2013 lease sale to review the Lewistown Field Office EA and the parcel list with recommended stipulations.

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 me at 406-538-1918.

Sincerely,

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