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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest (nominations) to sell Federal oil and gas leases on three (3) parcels of Federal minerals in a future lease sale. The parcels are located within the Lewistown Field Office (LFO) area. The preliminary parcel list is posted on our website, listed below, for a 15-day scoping period for your review.

The BLM makes mineral resources available for use to meet national, regional, and local needs. Under the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987, the BLM conducts oil and gas lease sales quarterly in each state whenever eligible lands are available for leasing. Prior to offering nominated parcels for lease at a sale, BLM will complete an environmental assessment (EA) to disclose the potential impacts from issuing Federal oil and gas leases and identify stipulations that would be included with each lease.

We have posted a preliminary parcel list on our website for your review. As of now, all three parcels are proposed for deferral. Please refer to the Montana/Dakotas BLM website at <http://blm.gov/qtld>. 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, search for the October 21, 2014 lease sale to review the preliminary parcel list.

If you have any comments or issues that we should consider addressing in our analysis, please provide comments using one of the following methods:

Email: BLM_MT_LewistownFO_Lease_EA@blm.gov

Mail: Lewistown Field Office
Attn: Christopher Rye
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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.

To be most useful, we should receive your comments before April 14, 2014. All submissions from organizations, from businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses, will be available for public review.

If environmental analysis is warranted, an environmental assessment (EA) will be available for a 30-day review beginning on May 22, 2014.

Please contact Chris Rye, Geologist, at (406) 538-1906 with questions. We appreciate your attention to this review and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Beyersdorf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Geoff Beyersdorf
Field Manager
Lewistown Field Office