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To: District Managers
From: State Director
Subject: Oil and Gas Parcels for Lease Sale

The authority to lease within Wyoming has been delegated to the Deputy State Director for Mineral and Land Authorization.

To ensure a consistent statewide leasing policy, all final decisions regarding whether or not to offer a parcel for lease will be made at the State Office. In some places in the State, parcels are presently being removed from the preliminary parcel list without adequate justification. Justification MUST be provided to the Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands, before the State Office will remove any parcels from the preliminary parcel list, even temporarily. The Lease Stipulation Committee will then review the justification provided and, following consultation with the field office, will advise the Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands, whether the parcels should be removed from the list. If a parcel is nominated for removal from the parcel list for review/study, please include a timeframe indicating when the Resource Area will complete the review/study.

As written in the BLM/WGFD Memorandum of Understanding (dated May 29, 1990, page 3; revised April 1995, page 4) "No leasing is feasible only through congressional mandate or through the BLM planning process when a determination is made in a given land use plan not to lease in a specific area." The decision to lease or not to lease a specific parcel is a determination made by the Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands, based upon available information.

Any parcel to be removed from the preliminary parcel list will be documented in a memorandum sent through the District Manager to the Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

If there are any questions concerning this instruction memorandum, please contact Vickie Niermeier Daniels at 307-775-6199.

/s/ Alan R. Pierson

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