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Northwest Colorado BLM lands proposed for upcoming oil and gas lease sales available for review

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. -- The Bureau of Land Management has posted information for public review and comment about lands in northwestern Colorado proposed for several upcoming oil and gas lease sales.

As part of recent reforms to the federal oil and gas leasing process, BLM now conducts additional reviews of parcels proposed for quarterly oil and gas lease sales and provides the public with multiple opportunities to review and comment on the proposals.

Before beginning the Environmental Assessment for the **August 9, 2012** lease sale, the Grand Junction Field Office is accepting initial public comments. One parcel is being evaluated for this sale five miles southeast of Collbran. A map of that parcel and additional information is online: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>. The environmental assessment of this parcel will also be available for public review once it is drafted.

Environmental reviews for parcels proposed for the **May 10, 2012** lease sale are now available for review and comment.

- The Little Snake Field Office in Craig is evaluating six parcels in Moffat County and one in Rio Blanco County. The environmental review and a map of these proposed parcels are online: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lsfo.html>
- The White River Field Office in Meeker is evaluating 33 parcels in Rio Blanco County. The environmental review and a map of these proposed parcels are online: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo.html>

Specific information about how to comment is available at the specific websites listed above. Comments will be most helpful if received by Jan. 4, 2012.

The next quarterly oil and gas lease sale in Colorado is scheduled for **Feb. 9, 2012**. Six parcels within the Little Snake Field Office (three in Moffat County and three in Routt County) are being offered, as well as two geothermal parcels in Gunnison County. The deadline for submitting protests for this lease sale is 4 p.m., Dec. 12. All protests must be received by the BLM Colorado State Office, located at 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO 80215.

Additional lease sale information can be obtained online at:
www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/oilandgas/leasing.html, or one of the bureau's field offices, or the BLM Colorado State Office Public Room, 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO.

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