



United States Department of the Interior



Bureau of Land Management
Uncompahgre Field Office
2465 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, Colorado 81401
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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking input regarding the August 9, 2012 oil and gas lease sale nominations for 22 parcels of Federal mineral estate located in Gunnison and Delta Counties, Colorado. You are receiving this letter because you may have an interest in one or more parcels. The proposed parcels are located within the following Township and Range legal descriptions:

TWP 11S., RNG 90W;
TWP 12S.,RNG 89W.;;
TWP 13S., RNG 89W., RNG 90W., RNG 91W., RNG 92W;
TWP 14S., RNG 90W., RNG 91W., RNG 92W;
TWP 15S., RNG 91W., RNG 92W.

These 22 parcels are presented on the attached map and contain approximately 30,000 acres of which about 29, 100 acres are primarily located on BLM managed lands near Crawford, Hotchkiss, Paonia and Somerset and the Paonia Reservoir State Park.

The BLM has determined this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and are seeking any comments you may have related to specific parcels in this lease sale. Your comments will assist in identifying issues that should be addressed as part of the analysis being prepared for this project. If you are interested in participating in the environmental analysis process, or have specific concerns, issues, or alternatives you would like addressed, please provide written comments to:

August 2012 Lease Sale
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Comments must be submitted in writing by mail, email, or fax. It is most helpful if specific information is given by parcel number. Comments concerning this proposal should be submitted no later than January 9th, 2012.

Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Authorized Officer to consider. Also, for appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify their identity upon request. Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, email address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,
/s/ Barbara Sharrow

Barbara Sharrow
Field Office Manager

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