

Decision to Lease

Approximately 99,606.39 acres of public lands (68 parcels) generally available for oil and gas leasing under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use plans were considered for the oil and gas lease sale scheduled to be held on August 18, 2009. On July 2, 2009, approximately 50,647.46 acres on 37 parcels were proposed to be offered at the subject lease sale.

My decision is to offer approximately 50,636.36 acres on 37 parcels of BLM-administered lands with appropriate conditions and stipulations at the August 18, 2009 oil and gas lease sale.

The lands to be offered are identified by serial and parcel number on the Final August 2009 Oil and Gas Lease Sale List, which identifies the specific conditions, terms, stipulations and notices applicable to each parcel, as amended by the Errata Sheet signed August 17, 2009.

All of the parcels have been reviewed to determine if existing planning and NEPA documents adequately address the issues and environmental consequences of leasing at this time. My decision to offer parcels in the Fillmore, Moab, Price and Vernal Field Offices is based on the findings and recommendations made in the relevant field offices' Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNAs), as modified by recommendations made by the Utah State Office Energy Support Team.

Approved: /s/ Kent Hoffman
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Date: August 17, 2009