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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management received Expressions of Interest (nominations) to offer three Federal oil and gas lease parcels within the Lewistown Field Office (LFO) for competitive oil and gas leasing in a sale tentatively scheduled to occur on October 21, 2014.

The preliminary parcel list, with BLM's recommendation to defer all parcels, was posted on our website (<http://blm.gov/qltd>) for a 15-day public scoping period on March 28, 2014. No comments were received.

After further review, it is still BLM's recommendation to defer all parcels pending completion of the LFO Land Use Plan revision. One parcel (160 acres) in Meagher County was proposed for deferral due to a protest resolution under the current Resource Management Plan regarding wildlife habitat. Two parcels (427 acres) in Pondera County were proposed for deferral under the guidance found in BLM Manual 6280, Management of National Scenic and Historic Trails.

Under the consideration that there were no public comments submitted, the BLM will proceed with the recommendation to defer the three parcels and not offer them for competitive sale at this time. Based on this recommendation, an Environmental Assessment was not prepared for the three deferred parcels.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (406) 538-1918 or Chris Rye, Geologist, at (406) 538-1906.

Sincerely,

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