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In Reply Refer To:

December 2020 Comp Sale 3100 (MT9222.CB)

October 27, 2020

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana/Dakotas State Office is postponing the December 15, 2020, Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale. The decision to postpone the sale is because our office only received one Expression of Interest for a parcel covering 333 acres in the Billings Field Office, in Carbon County, Montana.

The BLM makes mineral resources available for use to meet the national, regional, and local needs. In accordance with 43 C.F.R. 3120.1-2, the BLM conducts oil and gas lease sales quarterly in each state whenever eligible lands are available for leasing. Prior to offering nominated parcels for lease at a sale, the BLM completes an Environmental Assessment to disclose the potential impacts from issuing federal oil and gas leases and identify stipulations that would be included with each lease. The environmental review and public scoping process are still under review for the one nominated parcel. The parcel should be available at a future date.

If you have any comments on issues that we should consider, please provide them using one of the following methods:

Email: <u>blm_mt_fluids_leases@blm.gov</u>

Mail: Bureau of Land Management Montana/Dakotas State Office Attn: Samantha Iron Shirt 5001 Southgate Drive Billings, MT 59101

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Please contact me, Samantha Iron Shirt, at (406) 896-5060 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Samantha Iron Shirt, Chief Fluids Adjudication Section