

ATTACHMENT 1

Annual Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale Plan Requirements

If a state office (SO) is required to prepare a Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale Plan, the SO will submit the plan to the Geothermal Program Lead, HQ-330 by October 1 of each year. The initial plan for Fiscal Year 2026 is due on or before the close of business on January 16, 2026. A complete plan includes the sale schedule, written sale plan, and report on past performance of goals. There is an additional requirement for SOs with geothermal lease parcel nominations pending for more than two years.

Sale Schedule –

The Plan should include a schedule for a competitive geothermal lease sale (sale), to guide planning and coordination efforts. When selecting a sale date, select a sale date that minimizes the time from the nomination submission deadline to the sale date. SOs are encouraged to begin planning early to ensure all steps are completed in a timely and coordinated manner. At a minimum, the schedule should include the following key milestones and timelines (where requirements exist, or recommendations are made):

- Posting a call for nominations that allows a reasonable amount of time prior to the nomination submission deadline (at least 60 days is recommended but not required) (refer to Attachment 2 - *Example Geothermal Lease Sale Nominations Notice*);
- Establishing a nomination submission deadline;
- Issuing a Preliminary Parcel List to each District Office receiving nomination(s) and/or to each Surface Management Agency (SMA) receiving nomination(s);
- Completing parcel reviews and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for parcels on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands;
- Posting of the Sale Notice for lands to be included at least 45 days prior to the sale; and
- Conducting the sale.

Written Sale Plan –

Each SO should include a written plan for how the SO plans to:

1. conduct each step of the sale schedule; and
2. include discussion about coordination with district/field offices and/or other SMAs on parcel review timelines.

Report on Past Performance of Goals –

Each SO should include in their sale plan a report on the SO's past performance on meeting the following goals:

- Include parcels in the planned sale for at least 90% of nominated lands that are open and available for leasing and for which the BLM received the nomination by the deadline that the SO identified in its call for nominations; and/or
- Include at least 80% of nominated lands managed by another SMA (including obtaining consent) in a sale within two years from the date the BLM received the nomination.

Nominations Pending for More Than Two Years –

For those SOs with geothermal lease parcel nominations pending for **more than two years** from the date the BLM received the nominations, their plan must include a list of all such pending nominations and a written report. The list of nominations pending for more than two years should include the following information for each nomination:

1. Case recordation number;
2. Date the nomination was received;
3. Acreage included in the nomination;
4. BLM Administrative State, District, and Field Office with jurisdiction;
5. Geographic State;
6. Abbreviation of SMA with jurisdiction (e.g., BLM, FS, State, BOR, etc.);
7. Status, (*using one of the choices below*) --
 - a. Nomination received;
 - b. State office adjudicated(s) land status;
 - c. Forwarded to field office/surface managing agency for concurrence (pending NEPA);
 - d. NEPA complete/received concurrence;
 - e. Field office/other SMA preparing consent letter;
 - f. Deferred sale or moved forward;
 - g. Posted on Sale Notice;
 - h. Sale held;
 - i. Sold, or available noncompetitively.
8. Identify whether any nominated parcels involve controversy (e.g., need a cadastral survey, subject to an appeal) (Y/N). If controversial, include a description and proposed options to avoid or resolve the controversy.

The written sale plan should include the following for nominations pending for more than two years –

- On lands where the BLM has jurisdiction, how the SO plans to:
 1. complete review of the lands for which there are pending nominations;
 2. include the nominated parcel(s) in a lease sale within one year of submitting the plan;
and
 3. streamline and develop a process to work through future lease nominations.
- On lands where another SMA has jurisdiction (e.g., the U.S. Forest Service), how the SO plans to:
 1. coordinate with the other SMA on parcel review timelines, including obtaining consent;
 2. include the nominated parcel(s) in a lease sale within two years of submitting the plan;
and
 3. streamline and develop a process to work through future lease nominations with the other SMA.