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## The Bureau of Land Management is Accepting Public Comments for December 2020 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

**BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nevada** – An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the December 2020 Oil and Gas Lease Sale of 14 parcels within the Battle Mountain District will be released initiating a public comment period running July 20 through August 20. The lease sale will occur December 8<sup>th</sup> online at [www.energynet.com](http://www.energynet.com).

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a key contributor to the Trump Administration's America-First Energy Plan, an all-of-the-above strategy that includes oil and gas, coal, strategic minerals, and renewable sources such as wind, geothermal, and solar – all of which can be produced on public lands.

“Responsible energy development includes thoughtful consideration of parcels nominated for leasing as well as potential resource impacts of decisions to lease,” said Perry Wickham, Tonopah Field Office Manager. “Nearly half the bid and rental receipts from lease sales go to the state of Nevada to directly support public education, infrastructure improvements and other state-determined priorities.”

The state also receives half of the revenue from royalties if oil and gas are developed on the lease. The oil and gas industry on public lands in Nevada contributed \$3.1 million in total economic output in FY 2019.

The EA can be viewed on the BLM National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Register website at <https://go.usa.gov/xfK8W>. Written comments will be accepted until August 20 and can be submitted online at the NEPA Register site; mailed to the BLM Tonopah Field Office at P.O Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049; or emailed to: [BMDO\\_TFO\\_NonRenewable@blm.gov](mailto:BMDO_TFO_NonRenewable@blm.gov).

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