

**DECISION RECORD**  
**Environmental Assessment**  
**DOI-BLM-CO-200-2012-0026-EA**  
**Lease Parcel Review November 2012**

**DECISION AND RATIONALE:** I have determined that approving the lease sale of a portion of the nominated oil and gas parcels is in conformance with the approved Royal Gorge Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (May 1996 Royal Gorge ROD/RMP). It is my decision to offer forty-eight (48) parcels, involving 21,088.45 acres of federal mineral estate in the Royal Gorge Field Office, for leasing in the Colorado State Office November 2012 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (see Attachment C) and to defer 5,608.14 acres (involving 17 parcels, whole or in part) from the lease sale. Standard terms and conditions as well as special stipulations would apply. Lease stipulations (as required by 43 CFR 3131.3) are added to each parcel as identified by the Royal Gorge Field Office to address parcel specific concerns or new information not identified in the land use planning process (see Attachment D).

**Summary:**

48 parcels available all or in part	21,088.45 acres
17 parcels deferred all or in part	5,608.14 acres

**Deferred Acres Summary:**

Parcel	Acres	Description of Deferral
6218-6231 (all) and 6259-6261 (all)	5,608.14	Parcels are located within the non-attainment area. Temporarily deferred pending additional air quality impacts analysis.

**MITIGATION MEASURES:** See Attachment D for the stipulations on the nominated parcels. Additional mitigation and conditions of approval will be developed at the APD stage.

**COMPLIANCE/MONITORING:** Should the parcels be developed, monitoring may be required and would be addressed and analyzed under future NEPA documentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** On May 21, 2012, the Environmental Analysis, DOI-BLM-CO-200-2012-0026 EA was made available for a 30-day public comment period. Several questions by the general public were received by BLM-RGFO along with formal comments by Rocky Mountain Wild, City of Brush and Bureau of Reclamation. Responses to those comments are found in the EA.

**APPEALS:**

The decision of the State Director may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and Form 1842-1 (copy attached). If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from your receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the Decision appealed from is in error. If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 316s.4(c)) for a stay of the effectiveness of this Decision during the time that

your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. A copy of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLSA) and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

**Standards for obtaining a stay**

Standards for Obtaining a Stay except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success of the merits;
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and;
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Approved by:

  
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Deputy State Director  
Division of Energy, Lands, and Minerals

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