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## **BLM Releases Environmental Assessment for May Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

**CANON CITY, Colo.** – The BLM Royal Gorge Field Office today released a preliminary environmental assessment analyzing the proposed sale of oil and gas leases on 42 parcels totaling 10,980 acres of public mineral estate in Adams, Arapahoe, Logan, Morgan and Weld counties. As part of the environmental review process BLM Colorado is also analyzing an additional seven parcels totaling 2,000 acres for lease reinstatement.

The EA analyzes whether these parcels will be offered for competitive leasing to allow exploration and development of federal oil and gas resources. There are three alternatives analyzed within the EA including offering all of the nominated parcels for sale, offering a subset of the parcels for sale or not offering any parcels.

The EA and a list of parcels with the attached stipulations can be found online at: <http://blm.gov/b3ld> and at the BLM Colorado Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 East Main, Cañon City, Colo.

Written comments must be received by Dec 15, and may be submitted via e-mail to [BLM\\_CO\\_RG\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_CO_RG_Comments@blm.gov) or by mail to BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 East Main, Cañon City, CO, 81212. The most effective comments refer to a specific parcel and its associated resources.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The State of Colorado receives 49 percent of the proceeds of each lease sale. In Fiscal Year 2013, Colorado received more than \$175 million from royalties, rentals and bonus bid payments for all federal minerals, including oil and gas. Statewide, there are more than 22,900 jobs tied to mineral and energy development on public lands.

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