



In addition to conformance with existing NEPA documents, a Climate Change Supplementary Information Report (Climate Change SIR, updated October 2010) is incorporated by reference. The Climate Change SIR discusses in detail climate change and climate science for Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The report includes an analysis of anticipated greenhouse gas emissions estimates based on inventories from the North Dakota Reasonably Foreseeable Development (RFD) Scenario (refer to Section 4.7 of the report). The Climate Change SIR (at section 5.4.7) presents the North Dakota Planning Area Estimated GHG Emissions. The source year selected to disclose the estimated GHG emissions was the year with the highest expected combined construction and production emissions for oil and gas sources in the RFD planning area.

The total estimated GHG emissions for all ownerships are approximately 4.9 million metric tons/yr. Of this total, the USFS estimated GHG emissions are approximately 745,266 metric tons/yr. This information as well as a comparison of inventories at other scales, provides a context for the potential contributions of GHGs associated with the RFD during highest/peak year of anticipated emissions. While it is not possible to predict effects on climate change from potential GHG emissions, the act of leasing does not produce any GHG emissions. Releases of GHGs would occur at the exploration and development stage. Section 6.0 of the report presents potential emissions reduction technologies that may be identified as mitigation measures that could be imposed during development.

Decision Record and Rationale: It is my decision to offer the parcels approved and recommended by the USFS in their decision verifications and consent letter dated November 15, 2012, for lease at the May 8, 2013 Competitive Lease Sale and issue leases in accordance with the lease sale notice where there are successful bidders.

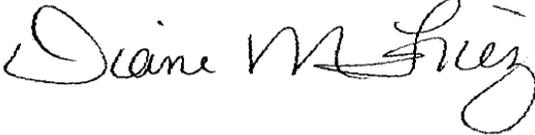
The parcels will be offered with standard lease terms and the special stipulations identified in the subject consent letters and supporting decision verification documents submitted by the USFS. The action is consistent with the BLM policy of making mineral resources available for leasing and development while protecting both surface and subsurface resources, and complies with coordination requirements and responsibilities of the of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987 (FOOGLRA), 30 U.S.C. §181 et seq.

Recommended by:

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Richard A. Rymerson, Field Manager  
Date April 29, 2013

Concurrence by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane M. Friez". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Diane M. Friez, District Manager  
Date April 29, 2013

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Albano". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

James A. Albano, Acting Deputy State Director, Division of Resources  
Date May 3, 2013