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Dear Reader,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Hiline District Office has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the potential effects from offering and issuing 4 nominated lease parcels of federal minerals for oil and gas leasing in a sale tentatively scheduled to occur on October 22, 2013.

The EA with an unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments must be postmarked by June 19, 2013, to be considered. Emailed comments must be submitted by midnight, June 19, 2013, to be considered. Comments may be submitted to:

Mail: Great Falls Oil and Gas Field Office  
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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 – will be available for public review. If you wish to withhold personal identifying information from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you must clearly state, in the first line of your written comment, “CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED.” 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. All submissions from organizations, from businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses, will be available for public review.

Upon review and consideration of public comments, the EA will be updated as needed. Based on our analysis, parcels recommended for leasing in our assessment would be included as part of a competitive oil and gas lease sale tentatively scheduled to occur on October 22, 2013.

Prior to issuance of any leases, the Decision Record and FONSI will be finalized and posted for public review on our BLM website. Please refer to the Montana/Dakotas BLM website at [www.blm.gov/mt](http://www.blm.gov/mt). From this home page, go to the heading titled "Frequently Requested," where you will find a number of links to information about our oil and gas program. Current and updated information about our EAs, Lease Sale Notices, and corresponding information can be found on the link titled "Oil and Gas Lease Sale Information." Once there, click on 2013 and search for the October 22, 2013 lease sale to review the Glasgow Field Office EA and the parcel list with recommended stipulations.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about the issuance of the updated EA, Decision Record and FONSI, please contact us at 406-791-7700.

Sincerely,

Mark K. Albers  
District Manager