

## Decision to Lease

Approximately 141,568 acres of public lands (92 parcels) generally available for oil and gas leasing under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use plans were considered for the oil and gas lease sale scheduled to be held on June 23, 2009. On April 13, 2009, approximately 90,311.18 acres on 67 parcels were proposed to be offered at the subject lease sale.

My decision is to offer approximately 53,821.08 acres on 42 parcels of BLM-administered lands with appropriate conditions and stipulations at the June 23, 2009 oil and gas lease sale.

The lands to be offered are identified by serial and parcel number on the Final June 2009 Oil and Gas Lease Sale List, which identifies the specific conditions, terms, stipulations and notices applicable to each parcel, as amended by the Errata Sheet signed June 16, 2009.

All of the parcels have been reviewed to determine if existing planning and NEPA documents adequately address the issues and environmental consequences of leasing at this time. My decision to offer parcels in the Price and Vernal Field Offices is based on the findings and recommendations made in the relevant field offices' Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNAs), as modified by recommendations made by the Utah State Office Energy Support Team. Leasing of parcels within the Fillmore Field Office is based on Environmental Assessment UT-010-08-050 (*Oil & Gas Leasing in the Fillmore Field Office*) and the Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record signed by the Fillmore Field Office Manager on April 8, 2009.

Approved:           /s/ Kent Hoffman            
Kent Hoffman  
Deputy State Director  
Division of Lands and Minerals

Date: June 16, 2009