

Proposal to Lease

For the oil and gas lease sale scheduled to be held on March 24, 2009, of the lands generally available for oil and gas leasing under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use plans, I am proposing to offer approximately 159,861.98 acres on 109 parcels of BLM-administered lands with appropriate conditions and stipulations.

The lands to be offered are identified by serial and parcel number on the attached list which identifies the specific conditions, terms, stipulations and notices applicable to each parcel.

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 proposal to offer parcels in the Moab, Monticello, Price, Richfield and Vernal Field Offices is based on the findings and recommendations made in the relevant field offices' Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNAs). 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*). My final determination to offer parcels for the March 24, 2009 oil and gas lease sale will be made no later than March 17, 2009, at which time any protests received will have been considered and a Decision relative to lease parcels considered in the Fillmore Field Office Environmental Assessment will be final.

Approved: /s/ Kent Hoffman
Kent Hoffman
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