

Decision to Lease

Approximately 18,253 acres of public lands 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 November 15, 2011. On August 15, 2011, 9,953.51 acres on 14 parcels were proposed to be offered at the subject lease sale and the acreage was modified by errata dated November 14, 2011.

My decision is to offer 13 parcels totaling approximately 9,606 acres of BLM-administered lands with appropriate conditions and stipulations at the November 15, 2011, oil and gas lease sale.

The lands to be offered are identified by serial and parcel number on the Final November 2011 Oil and Gas Lease Sale 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 Price and Vernal Field Offices is based on the findings and recommendations made by the Price Field Office based on the Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-UT-G021-2011-0030-EA and by the Vernal Field Office based on the Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2011-0248-EA.

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