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It is my decision to implement Alternative C -- the Proposed Action, and recommend the sale and subsequent issuance, should they be sold, leases for February 2011 as identified in EA - DOI-BLM-WY-050-2010-102-EA.

**Authorities:** The authority for this decision is contained in 43 CFR 3100.

**Compliance and Monitoring:**

No monitoring would be required in the sale and issuance of the lease parcels. Should the parcels be developed, monitoring may be required and would be analyzed under future NEPA documentation.

**Terms / Conditions / Stipulations:**

For all parcels, Standard Oil and Gas lease stipulations, standard terms and conditions as well as Special Cultural Resource Lease Notices 1-3 and lease notices Washington Office: Threatened and Endangered Species Stipulation (included within Instruction Memorandum No. 2002-174); Migratory Bird Species-Interim Management Guidance Policy (included within Instruction Memorandum No. 2008-050); BLM Sensitive Species, Raptors, Migratory Birds, and Prairie Dog Surveys; Biological Survey; and other Washington Office and state guidance would apply and be attached to any parcel that is issued for lease.

**PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CONSISTENCY:**

The proposed action and alternatives have been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM Land Use Plans and the associated decision(s):

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1508.28 and 1502.21, this environmental assessment (EA) tiers to and incorporates by reference the information and analysis contained in the Lander Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (1987). The Final Resource Management Plans was approved by a Record of Decision (ROD) signed June 9, 1987.

**Alternatives Considered:**

**Alternative A: No Action** -- Under the No Action alternative, the BLM would not sale or issue any of the leases that have been nominated. Surface management would remain the same and ongoing oil and gas development would continue on surrounding federal, private, and state leases.

**Alternative B: Full Lease Issuance**

Under Alternative B, all eight nominated parcels, approximately 5000.3 acres, would for sale and subsequent issuance, should they be sold, with the stipulations recommended at the time of nomination.

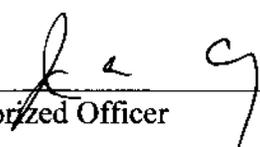
**Alternative C: Proposed Action** --The Proposed Action would be recommended to the State Director for sale and subsequent issuance, should they be sold, for six (6) leases for oil and gas development containing approximately 3080.03 acres of federal minerals administered by the Lander Field Office. Standard terms and conditions as well as special stipulations would apply. Lease stipulations (as required by Title 43 Code of Federal Registration 3131.3) were added to each parcel as identified by the Lander Field Office to address site specific concerns or new information not identified in the land use planning process.

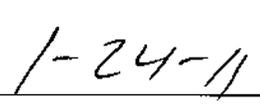
Additionally, there would be a recommendation to the State Director to defer the sale of two (2) lease parcels containing approximately 1920 acres.

**Rationale for Decision:**

The decision to approve the proposed action is based upon the following: 1) consistency with resource management plan and land use plan; 2) national policy; 3) agency statutory requirements; 4) relevant resource and economic issues; 5) application of measures to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. Alternative 2 was chosen as being the most environmentally sound alternative.

1. This decision is in conformance with the Lander Resource Management Plan (June 1987).
2. It is the policy of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as derived from various laws, including the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended [30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*] and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, to make mineral resources available for disposal and to encourage development of mineral resources to meet national, regional, and local needs
3. The decision is consistent with all federal, state, and county authorizing actions required for implementation of the Proposed Action.
4. Economic benefits derived from implementation of the proposed action considered important and have been analyzed in the EA.
5. Standard terms and conditions as well as special stipulations would apply. Lease stipulations (as required by Title 43 Code of Federal Registration 3131.3) were added to each parcel as identified by the Lander Field Office to address site specific concerns or new information not identified in the land use planning process.

  
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Authorized Officer

  
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Date

**Attachments:** None.