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BLM evaluating oil and gas leasing proposals in Garfield and Mesa counties

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments on a proposal to offer 28 parcels totaling about 29,600 acres of federal minerals in northwestern Colorado in the December 2017 competitive oil and gas lease sale.

The BLM wants to hear from the public about any issues and concerns they feel should be considered as it evaluates leasing these parcels. The evaluation itself will be released for public review and comment in May.

“The most effective comments will address issues and concerns specific to these parcels being considered,” said BLM Acting Grand Junction Field Manager Wayne Werkmeister.

The proposal includes 7,278 acres in western Garfield County and 22,329 acres in various locations in Mesa County.

Maps and lease stipulations are available for review at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/oil-and-gas/leasing/regional-lease-sales/colorado>.

Comments need to be received by March 8, 2017. They should be e-mailed to blm_co_december_2017_lease_sa@blm.gov, or mailed to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Dec 2017 Lease Sale, 220 E. Market St., Meeker, CO 81641.

The State of Colorado receives 49 percent of the proceeds from each mineral lease sale and from mineral royalties, with the remainder going to the U.S. government. In Fiscal Year 2015, Colorado received about \$247 million from royalties, rentals and bonus bid payments for all federal minerals, including oil and gas. Statewide, more than 22,900 jobs are tied to mineral and energy development on public lands.

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—may be made publicly available at any time. 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.

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