

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SALE OF OIL AND GAS LEASES**

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Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to New Mexico Law 1929, Chapter 125, Section B, as amended, and rules and regulations of the State Land Office, that the Commissioner of Public Lands will hold a sale of oil and gas leases on 20 March 2018, for the tracts of land herein described.

The sale will be held online, in two formats. The sealed bid portion will close at 8:30 am MDT on March 20. The open bidding portion closes sequentially by tract beginning at 10:30 am MDT on March 20. Bidding will commence one week prior to lease sale day.

The sale will be held and conducted in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

The online auction will be conducted by the State Land Office contract auction house, EnergyNet. To view the online tract listing go to [www.energynet.com](http://www.energynet.com). Prospective bidders must register with EnergyNet at [https://www.energynet.com/govt\\_listing.pl](https://www.energynet.com/govt_listing.pl) and abide by the terms and conditions therein.

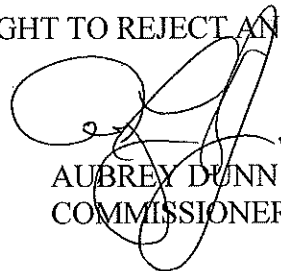
No bids will be considered for less than the whole of any tract, nor for less than the specified minimum acceptable bid. Separate bids must be made for each tract. Leases will be awarded to the highest bidder, if the offer made is deemed to be satisfactory.

The successful bidder in every case of bidding will be required to deposit forthwith, the amount bid, plus the application fee of \$100.00, and to file application in due form before the close of business on said date. The successful bidder in online bidding will be required to make the deposit via electronic fund transfer, as specified on the EnergyNet auction site.

The applications received pursuant hereto will be deemed to have been filed simultaneously. In all cases, leases will be made on the specified Lease Form as set forth in the Sale Notice.

The State Land Office makes no warranty as to the conditions of the lands. Lessees must comply with all applicable federal and state laws or regulations.

THE COMMISSIONER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.



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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

## **March oil & gas lease sale**

The New Mexico State Land Office Oil & Gas lease sale for 20 March 2018 will be held online in sealed and open bidding formats. Online bidding will commence March 13, one week prior to the lease sale date. Sealed bidding will close at 8:30 am MDT on March 20. Open bidding closes sequentially by tract, with bidding for the first tract closing at 10:30 am MDT on March 20.

The online auction will be conducted by the State Land Office auction house contractor, EnergyNet. When posted, the online tract listing can be viewed at [www.energynet.com](http://www.energynet.com). Prospective bidders must register with EnergyNet at [https://www.energynet.com/govt\\_listing.pl](https://www.energynet.com/govt_listing.pl) and abide by the terms and conditions therein.

**PAYMENT FOR ALL WINNING ONLINE LEASES SHALL BE MADE THE DAY OF THE SALE BY WIRE TRANSFER, OR**

**IN-PERSON AT THE NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE BY CASH, CHECK, MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER ON A SOLVENT BANK.**

**LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE REJECTED AND NO LEASE WILL BE ISSUED FOR THAT TRACT**

("The successful bidders shall file proper applications for the leases purchased and shall complete the payment of any balance due on their bids before the closing of the office of the commissioner on the day of the sale." §19-10-17 NMSA 1978.)

To verify wire transfer payment, submit copies of the dated wire instructions (sent to your bank) to [swust@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:swust@slo.state.nm.us); [msena@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:msena@slo.state.nm.us); [slopez@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:slopez@slo.state.nm.us) by COB of the State Land Office on the day of the sale.

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize the State of New Mexico to either use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. Please be advised that payments will be drafted from your account immediately upon receipt. ("The successful bidders shall file proper applications for the leases purchased and shall complete the payment of any balance due on their bids before the closing of the office of the commissioner on the day of the sale." §19-10-17 NMSA 1978.)

NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE  
LEASE SALE NOTICE

\*\*\*\*\* ONLINE SEALED TRACTS \*\*\*\*\*

Regular Sale - ONLINE SEALED BIDDING COMMENCES 13 MARCH 2018. BIDDING FOR THE SEALED TRACTS WILL

CLOSE 8:30am MDT ON 20 MARCH 2018. THE ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SLO CONTRACTOR ENERGYNET.

NOTE : THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SEALED BID PURSUANT TO THE NOTICES. LEASES FOR THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE ISSUED ON SECTION 19-10-4.3 NMSA 1978, DEVELOPMENT LEASE FORM, FIVE(5) YEAR TERM, 1/5th ROYALTY, AND HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AND CATEGORIZED IN COMPLIANCE WITH 19-10-3 NMSA 1978.

TRACT #	COUNTY	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (MORE OR LESS)	PRIMARY RENTAL	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
001 VC-001	Lea	10 14S 33E	W2NE4, NW4	240.00	\$0.50	\$8,000.00
002 VC-002	Lea	10 14S 33E	N2S2	160.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
003 VC-003 (D)	Lea	29 14S 36E	S2	320.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
004 VC-004 (D)	Lea	30 14S 36E	S2SE4	80.00	\$0.50	\$3,000.00
005 VC-005	Lea	20 16S 35E	SW4	160.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
006 VC-006	Lea	27 16S 35E	SW4	160.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00

\*\*\*\*\* ONLINE OPEN BIDDING TRACTS \*\*\*\*\*

Regular Sale - ONLINE OPEN BIDDING COMMENCES 13 MARCH 2018. BIDDING FOR THE ONLINE OPEN BIDDING TRACTS WILL CLOSE SEQUENTIALLY ON 20 MARCH 2018, WITH BIDDING FOR THE FIRST TRACT CLOSING AT 10:30 AM MDT. THE ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SLO CONTRACTOR ENERGYNET.

NOTE : THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR OPEN BIDDING PURSUANT TO THE NOTICES. LEASES FOR THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE ISSUED ON SECTION 19-10-4.3 NMSA 1978, DEVELOPMENT LEASE FORM, FIVE(5) YEAR TERM, 1/5th ROYALTY, AND HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AND CATEGORIZED IN COMPLIANCE WITH 19-10-3 NMSA 1978.

TRACT #	COUNTY	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (MORE OR LESS)	PRIMARY RENTAL	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
007 VC-O-001 (D)	Lea	29 14S 36E	NW4	160.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
008 VC-O-002 (D)	Lea	30 14S 36E	E2NE4	80.00	\$0.50	\$3,000.00
009 VC-O-003	Lea	18 16S 35E	LOT(S) 3, 4, E2SW4	157.77	\$1.00	\$5,000.00

\*\*\*\*\* SPECIAL SEALED TRACTS \*\*\*\*\*

Special Sale - ONLINE SEALED BIDDING COMMENCES 13 MARCH 2018. BIDDING FOR THE SEALED TRACTS WILL

CLOSE 8:30am MDT ON 20 MARCH 2018. THE ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SLO CONTRACTOR ENERGYNET.

NOTE : THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SEALED BID PURSUANT TO THE NOTICES. LEASES FOR THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE ISSUED ON SECTION 19-10-4.1 NMSA 1978, EXPLORATORY LEASE FORM, TEN(10) YEAR TERM, 1/8th ROYALTY, AND HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AND CATEGORIZED IN COMPLIANCE WITH 19-10-3 NMSA 1978. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR SALE.

TRACT #	COUNTY	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (MORE OR LESS)	PRIMARY RENTAL	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
010 LH-001	Sandoval	36 13N 01E	LOT(S) 1, 2, W2NE4, NW4	319.27	\$0.25	\$10,000.00
011 LH-002	Sandoval	36 13N 01E	LOT(S) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, N2SW4, NW4SE4	209.47	\$0.25	\$7,000.00
012 LH-003	Sandoval	32 13N 02E	N2	320.00	\$0.25	\$10,000.00
013 LH-004	Sandoval	32 13N 02E	LOT(S) .1, 2, 3, 4	224.80	\$0.25	\$8,000.00
014 LH-005	Sandoval	36 13N 02E	E2NE4	80.00	\$0.25	\$3,000.00
015 LH-006 (D)	Sandoval	36 13N 02E	LOT(S) .4, W2NW4	135.72	\$0.25	\$5,000.00

D: ALL OR PORTION OF SURFACE NON-STATE

ALL HIGH BIDS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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## POLICY ON COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING OIL & GAS LEASE SALE NOMINATIONS

Because the listing of oil & gas lease tracts to be offered for bid is neither finalized nor public prior to publication, the State Land Office will not provide notification of whether submitted or internal nominations will be included in a lease sale prior to publication. Notification of inclusion will be in the form of the published lease sale listing.

Acknowledgement of receipt of nominations does not constitute a notification that such nominations will or will not be included in a lease sale.

The State Land Office will no longer track submitted nominations beyond the month they are submitted. Nominated tracts will only be considered for the following month's lease sale. If a nominated tract does not appear in the lease listing, it must be resubmitted the next month in order to be considered for a subsequent lease sale.

To nominate, submit a locational description of the nominated tract to [swust@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:swust@slo.state.nm.us) To be considered for the next month's lease sale, nominations must be submitted two Fridays before the current month's lease sale. Lease sales are held the third Tuesday of each month.

If a nominated tract is included in a lease sale, the nominator must ensure that at least a minimum bid is submitted for the nominated tract. If a nominated tract receives no bids and is withdrawn, no further nominations will be accepted from that nominator.

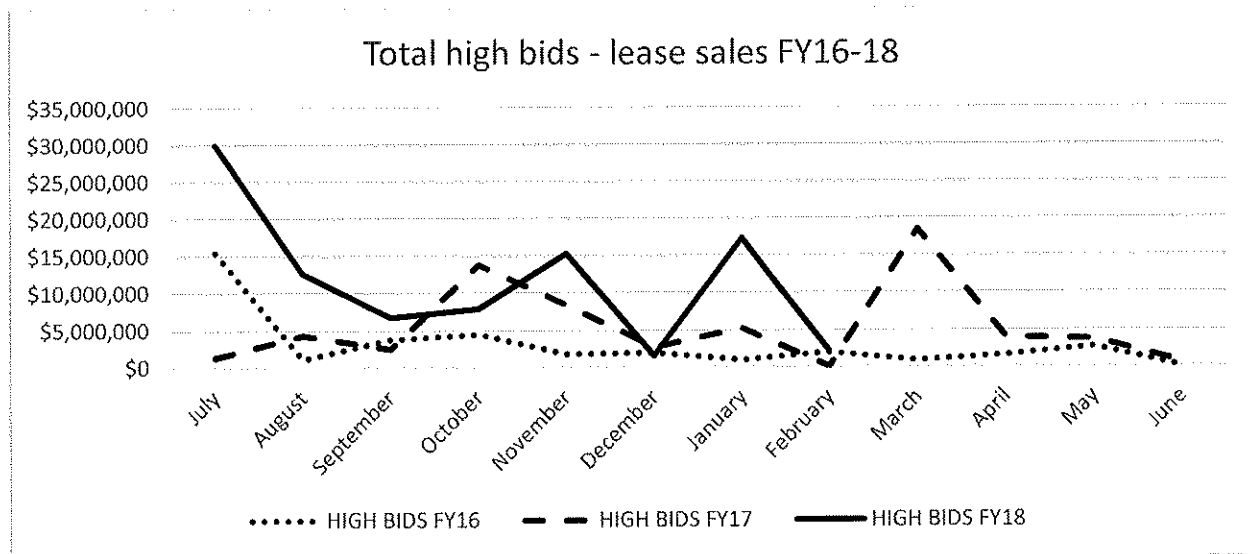
## February 2018 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

The February lease sale was held online, in sealed bidding format.

There were 12 tracts offered, for a total of 2131 acres, in Lea, Roosevelt and San Juan Counties. All tracts were sold.

Total high bids: \$2,141,738 from 5 different bidders, for an average per acre price of \$1,005. There were 25 registered bidders from 8 states.

Sale Month	Total sale	High tracts	Bid type	Rest	S	T	R
20-Feb	\$2,141,738	\$414,360	S		18	16S	37E
		\$276,240	S		13	16S	36E
		\$250,240	S		32	8S	36E
		\$250,240	S		32	8S	36E
Total		\$1,191,080			High sealed \$1,191,080		
	% Total	56%		\$950,658	open		



TRACT #	LEASE #	SEC	TWP	RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
VC-S-001	VC0344 00	14	12S	38E	SE4SW4, SW4SE4	80.00	WISHBONE TEXAS OPERATING COMP	\$97,689.60	\$1,221.12
VC-S-002	VC0345 00	23	14S	33E	W2	320.00	PALEOZOIC PETROLEUM, LLC.	\$87,220.00	\$272.56
VC-S-003	VC0346 00	13	16S	36E	NE4NE4	40.00	CONQUEST LAND COMPANY, LLC	\$138,120.00	\$3,453.00
VC-S-004	VC0347 00	13	16S	36E	S2SW4	80.00	CONQUEST LAND COMPANY, LLC	\$276,240.00	\$3,453.00
VC-S-005	VC0348 00	18	16S	37E	LOT(S) 4	50.77	CONQUEST LAND COMPANY, LLC	\$175,308.81	\$3,453.00
VC-S-006	VC0349 00	18	16S	37E	N2SE4, SE4SE4	120.00	CONQUEST LAND COMPANY, LLC	\$414,360.00	\$3,453.00
VC-S-007	VC0350 00	32	07S	38E	N2	320.00	HEADINGTON ENERGY PARTNERS LL	\$144,000.00	\$450.00
VC-S-008	VC0351 00	32	07S	38E	S2	320.00	HEADINGTON ENERGY PARTNERS LL	\$176,000.00	\$550.00
VC-S-009	VC0352 00	32	08S	36E	N2	320.00	AUBURN OPERATING COMPANY, LLC	\$250,240.00	\$782.00
VC-S-010	VC0353 00	32	08S	36E	S2	320.00	AUBURN OPERATING COMPANY, LLC	\$250,240.00	\$782.00
VC-S-011	VC0354 00	32	25N	11W	S2NE4	80.00	BISON OIL & GAS II, LLC	\$66,160.00	\$827.00
VC-S-012	VC0355 00	32	25N	11W	N2NW4	80.00	BISON OIL & GAS II, LLC	\$66,160.00	\$827.00

\*\*\*\* END OF REPORT \*\*\*\*



**Aubrey Dunn**  
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20 January 2015

To the representatives of the oil and gas industry:

In 2012, the New Mexico State Land Office entered into a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Material Management (CEHMM). The agreement was expanded in 2014.

The purpose of the CCAA is to provide protections for the Lesser Prairie Chicken and Dunes Sagebrush Lizard, while allowing industry activities to continue on State Lands. There are now 404,000 acres of State Lands enrolled in the program.

By enrolling State Lands, the New Mexico State Land Office has provided for program eligibility for lease holders on these lands. Enrolled lands are marked on the oil & gas lease sale tract listing with a footnote.

This is a voluntary program entered into by industry through CEHMM. Information on the program can be found at the CEHMM web site: [www.cehmm.org/ccaccaa](http://www.cehmm.org/ccaccaa).

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**NOTICE:**  
**CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION**

All oil & gas or mineral leases, assigns, and operators conducting drilling, production, injection, or related operations on state trust lands should be aware that it is a criminal offense for any person to knowingly excavate, injure, or destroy cultural property located on state land. [§ 18-6-9, NMSA 1978]. Applicants and lessees should exercise due caution to ensure that cultural properties are not inadvertently excavated, injured, or destroyed by any person. A cultural resource survey prior to any surface disturbing activity may assist in site identification and avoidance of criminal liability associated with disturbance or destruction of sites. Should any activity reveal suspected cultural property, the activity should cease until a site evaluation is made. For further information, please contact the New Mexico State Land Office Oil & Gas Division at 505-827-5774.



## CALICHE PITS ON OIL & GAS LEASES

### FROM SLO MINERALS RULE 5:

**19.2.5.11 USE OF NECESSARILY DISTURBED CALICHE FROM OIL AND GAS LEASE ACREAGE.** The commissioner shall make no charge for caliche necessarily moved within the roadbed or within the perimeter of a specific well pad while in the process of developing oil and natural gas under a state oil and gas lease, subject to the following conditions.

**A.** Only caliche derived from the cellar and reserve pit or cut and fill, which is necessarily disturbed in the process of building an access road and/or that oil and gas well location, may be used without charge.

**B.** Caliche necessarily disturbed during construction must remain within the boundaries of the oil and gas lease. If excess caliche exists from a necessary disturbance, that caliche may only be moved from that location to another well site within the lease once an operator or lessee of record obtains a permit and compensates the commissioner pursuant to the terms of a community caliche pit permit.

**C.** Only caliche excavated during cut and fill construction of a well pad or roads built to 19.2.20 NMAC standards will be considered necessarily disturbed.  
[5/14/99; 19.2.5.11 NMAC - Rn, 19 NMAC 3. SLO 5.11, 09/30/02]

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▶▶▶ **USEFUL NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS LINKS** ◀◀◀

New Mexico State Land Office, leasing/royalty management agency  
for state trust lands: [www.nmstatelands.org](http://www.nmstatelands.org)

New Mexico Tech site for State Land Office ONGARD data  
presentation to the public.  
<http://octane.nmt.edu/slo/>

ONGARD database for open acres and a wealth of other state data  
you didn't know you needed.  
<http://www.ongard.state.nm.us/>

NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, subsurface geology  
for the state.  
Their publications website: <http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/>

NM Oil Conservation Division, oil industry regulatory agency for  
operating in New Mexico, plus well and  
production data: <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/>



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