

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

Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands  
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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 16 April 2019, 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 April 16. The open bidding portion closes sequentially by tract beginning at 10:30 am MDT on April 16. 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.



STEPHANIE GARCIA RICHARD  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

## **April oil & gas lease sale**

The New Mexico State Land Office Oil & Gas lease sale for 16 April 2019 will be held online in sealed and open bidding formats. Online bidding will commence April 9, one week prior to the lease sale date. Sealed bidding will close at 8:30 am MDT on April 16. Open bidding closes sequentially by tract, with bidding for the first tract closing at 10:30 am MDT on April 16.

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.)

"Applications" are the lease information sheets as provided by EnergyNet. 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); [dmsandoval@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:dmsandoval@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 \*\*\*\*\*

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CLOSE 8:30am MDT ON 16 APRIL 2019. 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, 3/16th 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 VB-001	Lea	05 24S 38E	SW4SW4	40.00	\$1.00	\$8,000.00
002 VB-002	Lea	05 24S 38E	SE4SE4	40.00	\$1.00	\$8,000.00

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003 VC-001 (D)	Eddy	26 18S 24E	SW4, W2SE4	240.00	\$1.00	\$48,000.00
004 VC-002	Eddy	33 18S 24E	E2NE4	80.00	\$1.00	\$16,000.00
005 VC-003	Eddy	07 21S 26E	NE4SE4	40.00	\$1.00	\$8,000.00
006 VC-004	Eddy	08 21S 26E	SW4SW4	40.00	\$1.00	\$8,000.00
007 VC-005	Eddy	30 21S 26E	LOT(S) 1	39.25	\$1.00	\$8,000.00
008 VC-006	Eddy	30 21S 26E	LOT(S) 3, NE4SW4	79.45	\$1.00	\$16,000.00
009 VC-007	Eddy	36 22S 25E	N2NE4, SW4NE4, W2NW4, SE4NW4	240.00	\$1.00	\$48,000.00
010 VC-008	Eddy	06 22S 26E	S2SE4	80.00	\$1.00	\$16,000.00
011 VC-009	Eddy	28 23S 25E	S2	320.00	\$1.00	\$64,000.00
012 VC-010	Lea	35 16S 37E	N2	320.00	\$1.00	\$64,000.00
013 VC-011	Lea	35 16S 37E	W2SW4	80.00	\$1.00	\$16,000.00
014 VC-012	Lea	35 16S 37E	E2SE4	80.00	\$1.00	\$16,000.00

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

Regular Sale - ONLINE OPEN BIDDING COMMENCES 9 APRIL 2019. BIDDING FOR THE ONLINE OPEN BIDDING TRACTS WILL CLOSE SEQUENTIALLY ON 16 APRIL 2019, 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 ORAL 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
015 VC-O-001	Eddy	28 23S 25E	N2	320.00	\$1.00	\$64,000.00
016 VC-O-002	Lea	09 22S 32E	SE4SW4	40.00	\$1.00	\$8,000.00

## 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 date. 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.

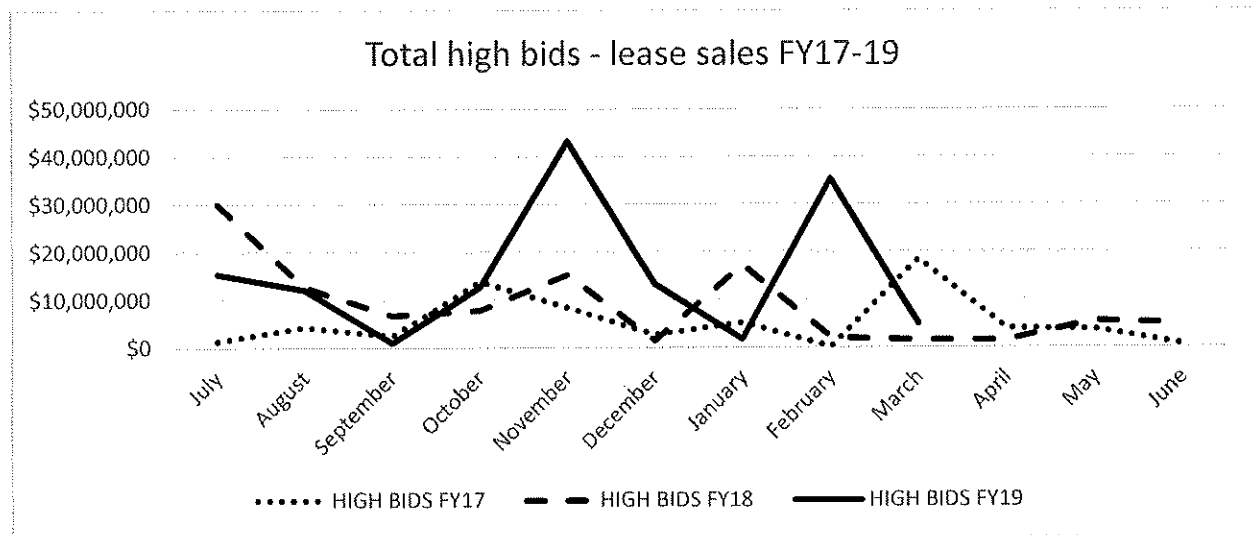
## March 2019 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

The March lease sale was held online, in sealed and open bidding formats.

There were 24 tracts offered, 22 of which were sealed bid, for a total of 4285.30 acres, in Chaves, Lea and Eddy Counties. Five tracts were withdrawn.

Total high bids: \$4,904,787.40 from 9 different bidders, for an average per-acre price of \$1,144.56. There were 33 registered bidders from 6 states.

Sale Month	Total sale	High tracts	Bid type	Rest	S	T	R
19-Mar	\$4,904,787	\$920,050	O		4	23S	32E
		\$900,050	O		3	23S	32E
		\$521,120	S		31	15S	29E
		\$415,100	S		16	19S	28E
		\$480,000	S		10	19S	36E
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,236,320</b>					
	<b>% Total</b>	<b>66%</b>		<b>\$1,668,467</b>			



TRACT #	LEASE #	SEC TWP RGE DESCRIPTION	ACRES	BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
VB-S-001		16 24S 38E LOT(S) 3, E2SW4		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-001	VC0602 00	31 15S 29E E2SW4, S2SE4	160.00	CHALFANT PROPERTIES, INC.	\$521,120.00	\$3,257.00
VC-S-002	VC0603 00	33 15S 29E SW4NW4	40.00	DAKOTA RESOURCES INC (I)	\$24,011.00	\$600.28
VC-S-003	VC0604 00	33 15S 29E SE4SW4	40.00	DAKOTA RESOURCES INC (I)	\$24,100.00	\$602.50
VC-S-004	VC0605 00	4 16S 29E LOT(S) 1, 2, 7, 8	163.37	DAKOTA RESOURCES INC (I)	\$277,100.00	\$1,696.15
VC-S-005	VC0606 00	35 18S 27E N2NE4, SW4NE4, N2SE4	200.00	FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT COR	\$50,500.00	\$252.50
VC-S-006	VC0607 00	16 19S 28E N2NE4	80.00	V-F PETROLEUM INC	\$415,100.00	\$5,188.75
VC-S-007		32 20S 26E N2		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-008		32 20S 26E S2		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-009		36 23S 25E E2		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-010		36 23S 25E W2		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-011	VC0608 00	35 17S 35E N2NE4, SE4NE4	120.00	SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$75,120.00	\$626.00
VC-S-012	VC0609 00	36 17S 35E N2	320.00	SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$200,320.00	\$626.00
VC-S-013	VC0610 00	36 17S 35E S2	320.00	SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$200,320.00	\$626.00
VC-S-014	VC0611 00	31 17S 36E LOT(S) 1, 2, E2NW4	155.12	SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$97,656.00	\$629.55
VC-S-015	VC0612 00	31 17S 36E SE4	160.00	SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$100,160.00	\$626.00
VC-S-016	VC0613 00	32 18S 39E W2SW4, SE4SW4	120.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$98,780.40	\$823.17
VC-S-017	VC0614 00	2 19S 36E LOT(S) 2, SW4NE4	79.78	SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$32,080.00	\$402.11
VC-S-018	VC0615 00	2 19S 36E S2	320.00	SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$128,320.00	\$401.00
VC-S-019	VC0616 00	7 19S 36E N2NE4	80.00	TROVE ENERGY, LLC.	\$120,000.00	\$1,500.00
VC-S-020	VC0617 00	10 19S 36E W2	320.00	TROVE ENERGY, LLC.	\$480,000.00	\$1,500.00
VC-S-021	VC0618 00	32 20S 36E NWA	160.00	TROVE ENERGY, LLC.	\$240,000.00	\$1,500.00
VC-O-001	VC0619 00	3 23S 32E SW4NW4	40.00	CIMAREX ENERGY CO.	\$900,050.00	\$22,501.25
VC-O-002	VC0620 00	4 23S 32E SE4NE4	40.00	DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMP	\$920,050.00	\$23,001.25

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

## **CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

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).



## **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/>



## How may our Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division help you?

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