

**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 21 August 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 August 21. The open bidding portion closes sequentially by tract beginning at 10:30 am MDT on August 21. 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.

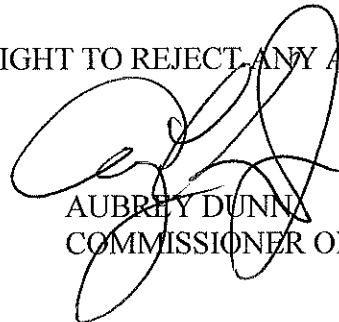
No bids will be considered for less than the whole of any tract, nor for less than the specified minimum acceptable bid. Separate bids must be made for each tract. Leases will be awarded to the highest bidder, if the offer made is deemed to be satisfactory.

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

## **August oil & gas lease sale**

The New Mexico State Land Office Oil & Gas lease sale for 21 August 2018 will be held online in sealed and open bidding formats. Online bidding will commence August 14, one week prior to the lease sale date. Sealed bidding will close at 8:30 am MDT on August 21. Open bidding closes sequentially by tract, with bidding for the first tract closing at 10:30 am MDT on August 21.

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); [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 14 AUGUST 2018. BIDDING FOR THE SEALED TRACTS WILL  
CLOSE 8:30am MDT ON 21 AUGUST 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	(D)	Eddy	30 17S 24E	SE4	160.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
002 VC-002		Eddy	30 23S 25E	E2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
003 VC-003		Eddy	31 23S 25E	E2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
004 VC-004		Eddy	31 23S 25E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, E2W2	320.36	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
005 VC-005	(E)	Lea	20 09S 32E	W2	320.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
006 VC-006	(D)	Lea	09 11S 38E	W2	320.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
007 VC-007	(D)	Lea	10 11S 38E	E2	320.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
008 VC-008		Lea	35 15S 36E	S2NW4, N2SW4	160.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
009 VC-009		Lea	35 15S 36E	NE4	160.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
010 VC-010		Lea	02 15S 38E	LOT(S) 1, 4, 5, 6	137.77	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
011 VC-011		Lea	15 15S 38E	SW4	160.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
012 VC-012		Lea	17 15S 38E	N2N2, SW4NW4	200.00	\$0.50	\$7,000.00
013 VC-013		Lea	30 16S 33E	E2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
014 VC-014	(D)	Lea	26 16S 36E	SW4, S2SE4	240.00	\$1.00	\$8,000.00
015 VC-015		Lea	10 16S 37E	NW4	160.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
016 VC-016		Lea	35 18S 34E	NW4NW4	40.00	\$1.00	\$2,000.00
017 VC-017	(D)	Lea	19 21S 35E	LOT(S) 1, 2, NE4, E2NW4	311.60	\$1.00	\$10,000.00

D: ALL OR PORTION OF SURFACE NON-STATE  
E: SUBJECT TO 3/2012 CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

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

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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.

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018 VC-O-001	Eddy	30 23S 25E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, E2W2	320.68	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
019 VC-O-002	Eddy	33 23S 25E	E2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
020 VC-O-003 (E)	Lea	20 09S 32E	E2	320.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
021 VC-O-004 (D)	Lea	09 11S 38E	E2	320.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
022 VC-O-005 (D)	Lea	10 11S 38E	W2	320.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
023 VC-O-006	Lea	17 15S 38E	W2SW4, SE4SW4	120.00	\$0.50	\$4,000.00
024 VC-O-007 (D)	Lea	26 16S 36E	N2NE4	80.00	\$1.00	\$3,000.00
025 VC-O-008 (D)	Lea	19 21S 35E	LOT(S) 3, 4, E2SW4, SE4	311.76	\$1.00	\$10,000.00

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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.

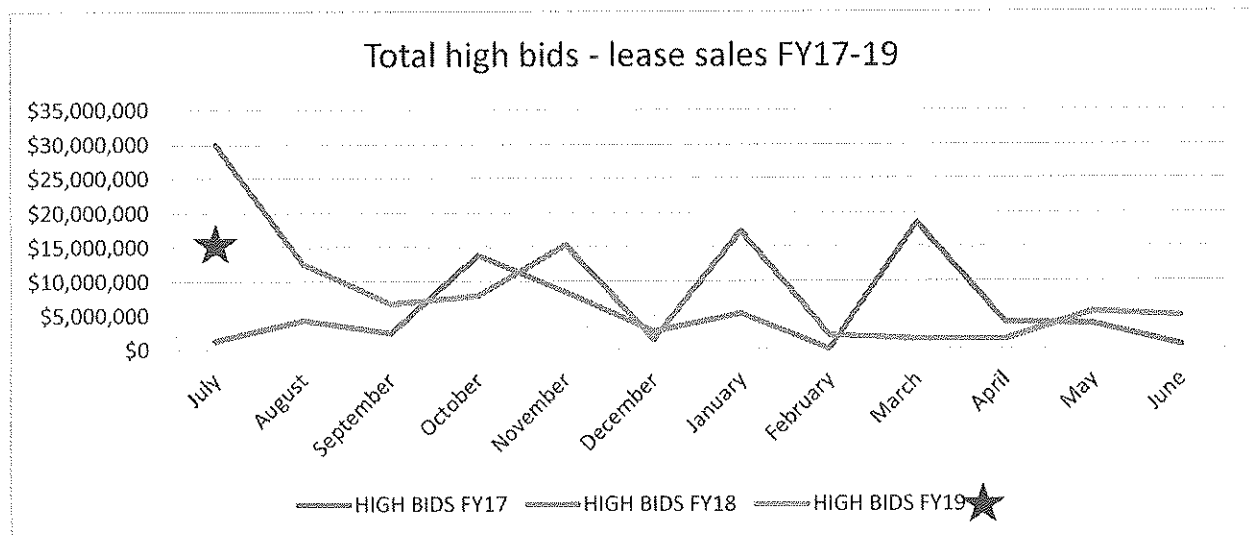
## July 2018 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

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

There were 27 tracts offered, for a total of 5282 acres, in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and San Juan Counties. All tracts were sold.

Total high bids: \$15,423,257 from 9 different bidders, for an average per acre price of \$2920. There were 28 registered bidders from 6 states.

Sale Month	Total sale	High tracts	Bid type	Rest		S	T	R
17-Jul	\$15,423,257	\$6,965,760	S			4	23S	35E
		\$2,131,561	S			2	20S	35E
		\$1,850,050	O			4	23S	35E
		\$940,800	S			24	18S	29E
		\$742,400	S			22	17S	37E
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,630,571</b>			High sealed	<b>\$10,780,521</b>		
	<b>% Total</b>	<b>82%</b>		<b>\$2,792,686</b>	open	<b>\$1,850,050</b>		



TRACT #	LEASE #	SEC	TWP	RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
VC-S-001	VC0414 00	13	09S	31E	N2	320.00	BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$80,600.00	\$251.88
VC-S-002	VC0415 00	8	17S	27E	SW4NE4, S2NW4	120.00	KASTLEFORD LAND COMPANY, LLC.	\$5,000.00	\$41.67
VC-S-003	VC0416 00	24	18S	29E	W2SW4	80.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$940,800.00	\$11,760.00
VC-S-004	VC0417 00	3	19S	31E	SW4SE4	40.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$470,400.00	\$11,760.00
VC-S-005	VC0418 00	31	10S	32E	LOT(S) 1, 2, W2NE4, E2NW4	240.12	BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$48,000.00	\$199.90
VC-S-006	VC0419 00	31	10S	32E	LOT(S) 3, 4, E2SW4, W2SE4	240.04	BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$48,000.00	\$199.97
VC-S-007	VC0420 00	12	17S	36E	SW4, W2SE4	240.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$135,840.00	\$566.00
VC-S-008	VC0421 00	21	17S	36E	SE4NE4	40.00	MANZANO LLC	\$116,000.00	\$2,900.00
VC-S-009	VC0422 00	9	17S	37E	SW4, S2SE4	240.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$556,800.00	\$2,320.00
VC-S-010	VC0423 00	22	17S	37E	E2	320.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$742,400.00	\$2,320.00
VC-S-011	VC0424 00	14	18S	34E	W2	320.00	RIDGE RUNNER RESOURCES OPERAT	\$480,326.40	\$1,501.02
VC-S-012	VC0425 00	28	18S	35E	SW4SW4	40.00	RIDGE RUNNER RESOURCES OPERAT	\$41,069.60	\$1,026.74
VC-S-013	VC0426 00	3	18S	36E	S2SW4, SE4	240.00	TROVE ENERGY, LLC.	\$180,000.00	\$750.00
VC-S-014	VC0427 00	36	19S	37E	SE4NE4, SE4	200.00	OAKSPRING ENERGY HOLDINGS, LL	\$50,200.00	\$251.00
VC-S-015	VC0428 00	2	20S	35E	LOT(S) 3, 4, S2NW4, SW4	321.25	RIDGE RUNNER RESOURCES OPERAT	\$2,131,561.21	\$6,635.21
VC-S-016	VC0429 00	4	23S	35E	S2	320.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$6,965,760.00	\$21,768.00
VC-S-017	VC0430 00	36	22N	09W	E2	320.00	ENDURING RESOURCES IV, LLC.	\$96,000.00	\$300.00
VC-S-018	VC0431 00	36	22N	09W	W2	320.00	ENDURING RESOURCES IV, LLC.	\$96,000.00	\$300.00
VC-O-001	VC0432 00	13	09S	31E	S2	320.00	BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$21,300.00	\$66.56
VC-O-002	VC0433 00	8	17S	27E	N2S2	160.00	KASTLEFORD LAND COMPANY, LLC.	\$5,500.00	\$34.38
VC-O-003	VC0434 00	31	10S	32E	E2E2	160.00	BRO ENERGY, LLC.	\$40,250.00	\$251.56
VC-O-004	VC0435 00	21	17S	36E	SW4SE4	40.00	MANZANO LLC	\$70,450.00	\$1,761.25
VC-O-005	VC0436 00	22	17S	37E	SW4	160.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$88,700.00	\$554.38
VC-O-006	VC0437 00	14	18S	34E	NE4	160.00	TROVE ENERGY, LLC.	\$126,650.00	\$791.56
VC-O-007	VC0438 00	13	18S	36E	NW4NW4	40.00	TROVE ENERGY, LLC.	\$32,400.00	\$810.00
VC-O-008	VC0439 00	36	20S	38E	N2NE4	80.00	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$3,200.00	\$40.00
VC-O-009	VC0440 00	4	23S	35E	LOT(S) 1, S2N2	200.32	FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$1,850,050.00	\$9,235.47



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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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Aubrey Dunn  
Commissioner of Public Lands





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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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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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