PUBLIC NOTICE

SALE OF OIL AND GAS LEASES

Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands P.O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148

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 at Morgan Hall, Edward J. Lopez State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 9:30 a.m., on December 18, 2012 for the tracts of land herein described. The sale will be held and conducted in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

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, and a separate remittance made for each bid.

Sealed bids must be plainly marked, "Oil and Gas Sealed Bid" on the outside of the envelope, along with the date and hour to be opened. Sealed bids may be submitted by mail or otherwise to the Commissioner of Public Lands. All bids submitted will be opened at 9:30 a.m. for the Regular Sale, and at the specified time for the Special Sale on said date. The lease will be awarded to the highest bidder, if the offer made is deemed to be satisfactory.

Sealed bids must be on the proper form issued by the New Mexico State Land Office, complete, and notarized, and must be accompanied by a check, money order, or certified check drawn on a solvent bank. This payment must include the amount bid, plus the application fee of \$30.00.

Each tract on which no sealed bid is received in the Special Sale may then be offered for oral bidding at the public auction, and awarded to the highest bidder.

The successful bidder in every case of oral bidding will be required to deposit forthwith, in cash or by check, money order or certified check drawn on a solvent bank, the amount bid, plus the application fee of \$30.00, and to file application in due form before the close of business on said date.

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. Application forms will be furnished upon request. Form 0-00 (formerly No. OG-57) Bid Application, is applicable to all Lease Forms advertised in this Sale Notice.

Disabled individuals who require aids to participate in the Oil & Gas Lease Sale may call (505) 827-5744, e-mail Debbie Tise at dtise@slo.state.nm.us, or contact Relay New Mexico at (505) 292-0454 or the AT&T Operator Service for TTY at (800) 855-1155.

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. ENVELOPES CONTAINING BIDS SHOULD BE MARKED, "OIL AND GAS SEALED BID."

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

NOTICE OF SALE

OIL AND GAS LEASES

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, I, RAY POWELL, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, WILL OFFER FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, OIL AND GAS LEASES ON THE TRACTS OF LAND LISTED BELOW, UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR LESS THAN THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID AS LISTED IN THE SALE NOTICE, PLUS A \$30.00 APPLICATION FEE.
- 2. EACH BID MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR THE WHOLE OF ANY TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED.
- 3. SEPARATE BIDS MUST BE MADE ON EACH TRACT, ACCOMPANIED BY A SEPARATE REMITTANCE.
- 4. PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE THE DAY OF THE SALE IN CASH, BY CHECK, MONEY ORDER, OR CERTIFIED CHECK ON A SOLVENT BANK.
- 5. ENVELOPES CONTAINING BIDS SHOULD BE PLAINLY MARKED "OIL AND GAS SEALED BID," GIVING DATE AND TIME OF SALE.
- 6. IN ALL CASES, LEASES WILL BE ISSUED ON THE APPROPRIATE STATUTORY LEASE FORM AS SET FORTH IN THE SALE NOTICE.
- 7. APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED UPON REQUEST. THE APPLICATION FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH SEALED BID.
- 8. ALL MONEY TENDERED BY BIDDERS WILL BE RETURNED IF THEIR BIDS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL.
- 9. SALE WILL BE HELD IN MORGAN HALL, EDWARD J. LOPEZ STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, 310 OLD SANTA FE TRAIL, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.
- 10. THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Regular Sale - DEADLINE FOR SEALED BIDS IS 9:30 AM - DECEMBER 18, 2012

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SEALED BID PURSUANT TO THE NOTICES. LEASES FOR THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE ISSUED ON SECTION 19-10-4.2 NMSA 1978, DISCOVERY LEASE FORM, FIVE(5) YEAR TERM, 1/6th ROYALTY, AND HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AND CATEGORIZED IN COMPLIANCE WITH 19-10-3 NMSA 1978.

	======= TRACT # =========		COUNTY	SEC TW	P RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (MORE OR LESS)	PRIMARY RENTAL	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
001	vo-001		Chaves	33 10	s 27E	E2	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
002	V0-002		Chaves	16 14	s 28E	ALL	640.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
003	V0-003	(D)	Chaves	33 15	S 31E	S2NE4, W2, SE4	560.00	\$0.50	\$9,000.00
004	V0-004		Eddy	32 20	S 24E	ALL	640.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
005	V0-005		Eddy	19 21	S 25E	NE4NE4	40.00	\$1.00	\$1,000.00
006	v0-006		Eddy	16 23	S 25E	ALL	640.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
007	v0-007		Eddy	36 25	S 24E	\$2	320.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
800	v0-008	(D)	Lea	15 15	s 33E	W2	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
009	v0-009		Lea	36 15	S 34E	W2, SE4	480.00	\$0.50	\$7,500.00
010	v0-010	(D)	Lea	16 26	s 38E	LOT(S) 1, 2, NW4	176.85	\$1.00	\$3,000.00
011	v0-011		Roosevelt	16 05	S 33E	ALL	640.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00

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TRACT #		COUNTY	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (MORE OR LESS)	PRIMARY RENTAL	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
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012 VB-001	(B)	Lea	36 20s 32E	N₩4	160.00	\$1.00	\$2,500.00
013 VB-002	(B)	Lea	32 21s 32E	N2NW4, SW4NW4, SW4	280.00	\$1.00	\$4,500.00
014 VB-003	(D)	Lea	29 23s 34E	NW4	160.00	\$1.00	\$2,500.00

B: DRILLING RESTRICTED DUE TO POTASH

D: ALL OR PORTION OF SURFACE NON-STATE

Regular Sale - ORAL BID DECEMBER 18, 2012

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR ORAL BID PURSUANT TO THE NOTICES. LEASES FOR THE FOLLOWING TRACTS WILL BE ISSUED ON SECTION 19-10-4.2 NMSA 1978, DISCOVERY LEASE FORM, FIVE(5) YEAR TERM, 1/6th ROYALTY, AND HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AND CATEGORIZED IN COMPLIANCE WITH 19-10-3 NMSA 1978.

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015	V0-0-001		Chaves	33 10s	27E	W2	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
016	V0-0-002		Eddy	20 21s	25E	N2N2	160.00	\$1.00	\$2,500.00
017	V0-0-003		Eddy	31 23s	25E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, E2, E2W2	640.36	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
						(ALL)			
018	V0-0-004		Eddy	09 24\$	27E	SE4	160.00	\$1.00	\$2,500.00
019	V0-0-005		Eddy	32 25s	24E	ALL	640.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
020	V0-0-006		Lea	15 12s	34E	ALL	640.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
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021	V0-0-007	(U)	Lea	15 14S	32E	\$2	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
022	V0-0-008		1	02 450	771-	107/02/4 2 02/07/ 05/	77/ 70	eo 50	#E F00 00
022	VU-U-UUB		Lea	02 155	335	LOT(S) 1, 2, S2NE4, SE4	336.78	\$0.50	\$5,500.00
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023	VU-U-UU9	(0)	Lea	16 15s	שכנ	ALL	640.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
02/	V0-0-010	(D)	Lea	N7 180	345	S2SW4, SE4	240.00	\$1.00	\$3,500.00
024	40-0-010	(0)	rea	03 103	JOE	323W4, 3E4	240.00	Φ1.00	\$3,500.00

Regular Sale - ORAL BID DECEMBER 18, 2012

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TRACT		COUNTY	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	PRIMARY	MINIMUM
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025 VB-O-001	(D)	Lea	21 17S 36E	SE4NE4, SW4SE4	80.00	\$1.00	\$1,500.00
026 VB-0-002		Lea	09 17S 37E	SW4, S2SE4	240.00	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
027 VB-O-003	(D)	Lea	34 20s 35E	\$2	320.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
028 VB-0-004	(D)	Lea	02 22s 35E	NW4SW4	40.00	\$1.00	\$1,000.00

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Filling out the Bid Application Form

This guide follows the blanks on the Bid Application Form from top to bottom.

OGRID No. Enter your OGRID number here. If you do not have one, contact Paulette Lucero-Romero at (505) 827-5714 or <u>plucero@slo.state.nm.us</u>.

<u>Name of legal entity or personal name</u> –This is the name in which the lease will be issued; it will be the <u>lessee of record</u>. This can be the name of a company or of an individual.

Mailing address – This is the address of the potential leaseholder.

The <u>following five blanks</u> require information that you find in the SLO monthly Oil and Gas Lease Sale Notice. The information <u>describes the tract</u> on which you are bidding: the name of the county in which it lies, the tract number in the sale, the legal land description, whether it is in the regular sale or a special sale, and how many acres the tract contains.

The amount of dollars that you enter in the next blank is your bid. Notice that your first year's rental is included in your bid. Your bid on a 320-acre tract may be \$10,000; if the rental rate on that tract is \$1/acre, we will apply \$320 of your \$10,000 to the first year's rental.

The amount of dollars that you enter in the "Total remittance" blank is your bid <u>plus</u> the \$30.00 application fee. In the above example, you would remit \$10,0<u>30</u>.

Name of applicant or agent – This blank is for the <u>printed name</u> of either the applicant or the agent of the applicant.

<u>Signature</u> – The form must be signed in the presence of a notary public. The signature here is of the person named in the previous, "printed name" blank.

<u>Acknowledgment section</u> – Your notary public will complete the remainder of the form.

Remember that the bid application and your remittance must be in the Accounting office of the State Land Office before 9:30 a.m. the day of the oil and gas lease sale.

NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

BID APPLICATION FOR A STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS LEASE

FOR A STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL AND GAS LEASE OGRID No. _____ TO: Commissioner of Public Lands P.O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148 (Please print the name of the legal entity, or, if applying as an individual, the personal name.) whose address is _ (mailing address) (state) (city) (zip code) a corporation qualified to do business in New Mexico, OR a citizen (or eligible to become a citizen) of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years hereby makes application for an oil and gas lease for the exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas thereon, upon the following described land situated in the County of ____ _____, State of New Mexico, to-wit: TRACT NUMBER LAND DESCRIPTION REGULAR SALE _____ acres, more or less. , plus an application fee of \$30.00; Tendered herewith as bonus and first year's rental thereon is the sum of \$ _____ Total remittance sum of (a) and (b).........\$_____. (Please print name of applicant or of attorney in fact / authorized agent.) do solemnly swear that every statement made in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signature of individual or of attorney in fact / authorized agent) Acknowledgment in an Individual Capacity: State of __ County of ____ This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____ Name of Person Signature of Notarial Officer (Seal) My commission expires: Acknowledgment in a Representative Capacity: State of __ County of __ This instrument was acknowledged before me on _ Name(s) of Person(s) Name of party on behalf of whom instrument was executed Type of authority; e.g., officer, trustee, etc. Signature of Notarial Officer (Seal) My commission expires: ___

Revised January 2004

HOW TO MAKE A FEDWIRE DEPOSIT TO NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

Direct any questions concerning this type of payment to Margaret Sena in the State Land Office Accounting Office at 505-827-5705

When you intend to pay by a wire transfer, please let the SLO Accounting Office know by filling out the form below. You can include the form inside any sealed bid you offer to the SLO. You can get copies of the form by calling the Accounting Office at (505) 827-5700.

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF	COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS	\$	
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	COMPANY NAME State Land Commissioner		
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TRACT #				GE DESCRIPTION		ES BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
V0-S-001			15S 26E			TIERRA OIL CO., LLC THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$36,495.00 \$22,000.00	\$57.02
						DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$15,970.00	
.VO-S-002	V09303	00 2	15s 30E	LOT(S) 2, 3, 4, SW4NE4, S2NW4, S2	561.15	DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$13,999.00	\$24.95
V0-s-003	V09304	00 32	15S 31E	E2, NW4, SW4SW4	520.00	THE BLANCO COMPANY YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$26,000.00 \$19,250.40	\$50.00
						DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$12,970.00	
V0-S-004	V09305	00 6	23S 26E	LOT(S) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, SE4NW4, E2SW4	313.48	RONALD MILES CAZA PETROLEUM, INC. YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION KHODY LAND & MINERALS CO. THE BLANCO COMPANY DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$149,216.48 \$108,777.56 \$79,523.61 \$37,994.00 \$18,000.00 \$7,807.00	\$476.00
V0-S-005	V09306	00 7	23S 26E	LOT(S) 1, E2NE4, NE4NW4, SE4	319.23	RONALD MILES CAZA PETROLEUM, INC. YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION KHODY LAND & MINERALS CO. THE BLANCO COMPANY DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$166,318.83 \$128,649.69 \$96,911.84 \$38,720.00 \$20,000.00 \$7,951.00	\$521.00
V0-S-006	V09307	00 19	15\$ 33E	LOT(S) 3, 4, E2SW4, SE4	318.94	THE BLANCO COMPANY YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$10,000.00 \$8,624.14 \$7,299.00 \$7,023.06	\$31.35
VO-S-007	V09308	00 9	16S 32E	E2, S2NW4	400.00	YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION THE BLANCO COMPANY DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$27,974.80 \$12,000.00 \$9,970.00	\$69.94
V0-S-008	V09309	00 7	18S 38E	E2	320.00	YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$12,060.80 \$7,970.00	\$37.69
V0-S-009	V09310	00 18	19S 36E	E2	320.00	CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION THE BLANCO COMPANY DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$181,760.59 \$158,750.00 \$154,166.40 \$24,000.00 \$11,170.00	\$568.00
VB-S-001	VB2212	00 32	15S 29E	ALL	640.00	YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION CHASE OIL CORPORATION THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$373,433.60 \$320,020.00 \$28,000.00	\$583.49
VB-S-002	VB2213	00 30	13s 33E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, NE4, E2W2, W2SE4	554.04	YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$29,541.41 \$14,000.00	\$53.32
VB-S-003	VB2214	00 16	16S 36E	SW4, NE4SE4, S2SE4	280.00	THE BLANCO COMPANY YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$16,000.00 \$9,391.20	\$57.14

TRACT # LEASE #	SEC TWP RGE DESCRIPTION	ACRES BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
VB-S-004 VB2215 00	32 24N 09W NE4SW4	40.00 DUGAN PRODUCTION CORP FINNEY LAND COM. DOUG J. SCHUTZ THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$64,646.40 \$63,480.00 \$40,000.00 \$8,000.00	\$1,616.16
VB-S-005 VB2216 00	2 29N 15W W2SE4, SE4SE4	120.00 DUGAN PRODUCTION CORP ROBERT L BAYLESS PRODUCER LLC THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$66,666.00 \$7,028.40 \$6,000.00	\$555.55
V0-0-001 V09311 00	16 15S 27E ALL	640.00 THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$18,000.00	\$28.13
VO-O-002 V09312 00	18 23s 26E LOT(S) 3, 4, NE4, SE4NW4, NE4SW4, NW4SE4	359.15 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$225,000.00	\$626.48
V0-0-003 V09313 00	1 15s 32E LOT(s) 3, 4, S2NW4, S2	496.33 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$18,000.00	\$36.27
V0-0-004 V09314 00	19 15S 33E LOT(S) 1, 2, NE4, E2NW4	318.66 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$11,000.00	\$34.52
V0-o-005 V09315 00	32 18s 36E N2	320.00 CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP	\$450,000.00	\$1,406.25
V0-0-006 V09316 00	32 18S 36E SW4	160.00 CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP	\$225,000.00	\$1,406.25
VB-O-001 VB2217 00	2 15S 29E SE4NE4, SE4	200.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$7,000.00	\$35.00
VB-O-002 VB2218 00	31 15S 31E LOT(S) 3, E2SW4	119.80 DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$9,000.00	\$75.13
VB-O-003 VB2219 00	36 16S 29E SW4SW4	40.00 COG OPERATING LLC	\$32,000.00	\$800.00
VB-O-004 VB2220 00	1 14S 32E LOT(S) 3, 4, S2NW4, S2	480.66 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$12,000.00	\$24.97
VB-O-005 VB2221 00	31 16S 34E LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, E2, E2W2 (ALL)	611.80 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$31,000.00	\$50.67
VB-O-006 VB2222 00	31 17S 36E E2NE4, SE4	240.00 CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP	\$215,000.00	\$895.83
VB-0-007 VB2223 00	20 18S 34E E2	320.00 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$495,000.00	\$1,546.88
VB-O-008 VB2224 00	36 22\$ 37E NE4\$W4	40.00 CHASE OIL CORPORATION	\$5,000.00	\$125.00
VB-O-009 VB2225 00	32 26s 34E LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, N2N2 (ALL)	304.64 RONALD MILES	\$930,000.00	\$3,052.78

**** END OF REPORT ****

HIGHEST BID ANALYSIS REGULAR SALE November 20, 2012

Total \$3,857,112.91 for 29 tracts covering 9,997.88 Acres...\$385.79 per acre.

Sealed (Five Year) \$1,174,112.91 for 14 tracts covering 5,346.84 Acres...\$ 219.59 per acre.

Oral (Five Year) \$2,683,000.00 for 15 tracts covering 4,651.04 Acres...\$576.86 per acre.

Total of 29 tracts were offered.... 29 tracts were sold.

Highest Sealed Bid (Five Year Term)

Tract No. VB-001

\$ 373,433.60

All of Section 32, Township 15 South, Range 29 East, containing 640.00 acres, more or less, in Chaves County, approximately 11.5 miles northwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico, by Yates Petroleum, LP, Artesia, NM.

Highest Sealed Bid
(Five Year Term)
Per Acre
Tract No. VB-004

NE4SW4 of Section 32, Township 24 North, Range 9 West, containing 40.00 acres, more or less, in San Juan County, approximately 4 miles west of Nageezi, New Mexico, by Dugan Production, Farmington, NM.

Highest Oral Bid (Five Year Term)

Tract No. VB-O-009

Lot(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, N2N2 of Section 32, Township 26 South, Range 34 East, containing 304.64 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 19.5 miles south west of Jal, New Mexico, by Ronald Miles, Roswell, NM.

\$ 930,000.00

Highest Oral Bid
(Five Year Term)
Per Acre
Tract No. VB-O-009
\$ 3,052.78

Lot(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, N2N2 of Section 32, Township 26 South, Range 34 East, containing 304.64 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 19.5 miles south west of Jal, New Mexico, by Ronald Miles, Roswell, NM.

November 2011 Regular Sale was \$5,224,447.89 for 8,226.70 acres or \$1,367,334.98 more than the November 2012 Regular Sale.

No Special Sale

\$ 1,616.16

Total Sale was \$3,857,112.91



Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M. COMMISSIONER

State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands

310 OLD SANTA FE TRAIL P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Phone (505) 827-5760 Fax (505) 827-5766 www.nmstatelands.org

July 25, 2012

Dear representatives of the oil and gas industry:

As you may be aware, on March 2, 2012, I signed 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 USFWS cited this and similar agreements between industry and the federal government as being instrumental in its June 2012 decision not to list the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard (DSL) under the Endangered Species Act.

This agreement, the result of years of work with the oil and gas industry, the agricultural community, and the Bureau of Land Management, will protect the health of our natural world while ensuring economic activity that supports communities, universities, hospitals and our other beneficiary institutions while helping keep our taxes down. It represents the largest such accord in the nation -- more than 247,000 acres.

Participation in the CCAA virtually assures that oil and gas activity can continue in areas inhabited by the Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) and/or the DSL while meeting conservation objectives for these two species.

In the case of an Endangered Species Act listing in the absence of a CCAA, oil and gas development in the species' range would likely be severely delayed by the requisite USFWS consultation process.

The CCAA¹ agreement is available for your review at the State Land Office website <u>www.nmstatelands.org/ConservationAgreement.aspx</u>. Also available on this page are a habitat map and other information concerning the agreement that may be of interest to you.

I encourage all leaseholders and operators to enroll and participate fully in this voluntary program. By agreeing to conduct certain conservation measures the

¹ The CCAA may also be referred to in Oil and Gas Sale Notices as "Subject to 3/2012 Conservation Agreement" due to system restrictions on the length of footnotes.

USFWS provides regulatory certainty (assurances) concerning land use restrictions that might otherwise apply should the LPC or DSL become listed in the future as threatened or endangered species.

An example of the measures required under the CCAA includes: a requirement that power lines be buried within two miles of LPC lek sites, active at least once in the past five years, or within one mile of historic LPC lek sites. Other requirements include providing escape ramps for open water sources, minimizing surface disturbances, and avoiding DSL habitat.

The health of our state lands and the success of our oil and gas industry are of prime importance to New Mexicans. This agreement helps ensure the future of both.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M.

Commissioner of Public Lands

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SALE CALENDAR

X X Regularly scheduled sale (Third Tuesday of each month)

Last day to nominate tracts for next monthly sale

To nominate tracts for an oil and gas lease sale, call the Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division Geologists at 505-827-5774 or 505-827-5748, submit your nomination in writing, or by e-mail to, imraz@slo.state.nm.us or dfuqua@slo.state.nm.us.

TO PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR NOMINATION, PLEASE MARK THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ENVELOPE WITH THE WORDS **CONFIDENTIAL NOMINATION**.

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Oil, Gas and Minerals Division
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Our Web page address is www.nmstatelands.org.

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

Unitization & Commingling

Pete Martinez, 505-827-5791 Jerome Maestas, 505-827-5783

<u>Lease Sales, Potash Enclave,</u> <u>Geophysical Permitting, Geology</u>

Joe Mraz, 505-827-5774 Dan Fuqua, 505-827-5748

Bonds, Shut-In Royalty, OGRIDS, Assignments

Paulette Lucero-Romero, 505-827-5714 Stephen Manning, 505-827-5749

Communitization, Reduced Royalty & Engineering

Terry Warnell, 505-827-5745 VACANT, 505-827-6628 Anchor Holm, 505-827-5759

<u>Lease Expirations,</u> Cancellations, Rentals

Darlene Vigil, 505-827-5730

Miscellaneous Instruments

Debbie Tise, 505-827-5744

Sand and Gravel, Caliche, General Mining

In Santa Fe (includes Farmington): Michael Mariano, 505-827-5750 VACANT

Monica Fresquez, 505-827-5849 In Hobbs Field Office: VACANT, 505-392-8736 or William Sonnamaker, 505-392-3697

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Greg Bloom Assistant Commissioner, 505-827-4489 Larry Roybal, Division Director, 505-827-5746 Debbie Tise, Office Administrator, 505-827-5744

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New Mexico State Land Office, leasing/royalty management agency for state trust lands: 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/