### **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 January 15, 2013 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 <a href="mailto:dtise@slo.state.nm.us">dtise@slo.state.nm.us</a>, 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

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Regular Sale - DEADLINE FOR SEALED BIDS IS 9:30 AM - JANUARY 15, 2013

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.

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	TRACT #		COUNTY	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (MORE OR LESS)	PRIMARY RENTAL	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE B1D
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001	V0-001		Chaves	27 10S 26E	\$2	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
002	V0-002		Chaves	31 15s 29E	E2SW4, S2SE4	160.00	\$0.50	\$2,500.00
003	V0-003		Eddy	04 16S 29E	LOT(S) 1	41.60	\$1.00	\$1,000.00
004	V0-004		Eddy	15 20S 21E	SW4NE4, SW4SW4	80.00	\$1.00	\$1,500.00
005	V0-005		Eddy	13 21S 21E	SE4NE4	40.00	\$1.00	\$1,000.00
006	v0-006		Lea	35 13S 32E	N2, SW4, E2SE4	560.00	\$0.50	\$9,000.00
007	V0-007	(D)	Lea	12 15S 32E	E2	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
800	V0-008		Lea	05 16S 38E	\$2	320.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
009	V0-009		Lea	31 16S 38E	LOT(S) 2, 3, 4, SE4NW4, E2SW4	228.68	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
010	V0-010		Lea	09 24S 38E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, W2 (ALL)	347.76	\$1.00	\$5,500.00
011	V0-011		Sandoval	33 22N 01W	SW4SW4	40.00	\$0.50	\$1,000.00

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012 VB-001 (I	)) Eddy	03 19S 31E	SW4SE4	40.00	\$1.00	\$1,000.00
013 VB-002	Eddy	07 25S 28E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, E2NW4	201.70	\$1.00	\$3,500.00
014 VB-003	Lea	18 13S 33E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, E2, E2W2 (ALL)	639.68	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
015 VB-004	Lea	03 14S 33E	LOT(S) 3, SE4NW4	80.14	\$0.50	\$1,500.00

Regular Sale - ORAL BID JANUARY 15, 2013

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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016 VO-	0-001	Chaves	36 14S 24E	ALL	640.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
017 VO-	0-002 (E)	Lea	04 10s 37E	S2NE4, S2	400.00	\$0.50	\$6,500.00
018 VO-	0-003	Lea	36 13S 32E	<b>S2</b>	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
019 VO-	0-004	Lea	12 15S 32E	W2	320.00	\$0.50	\$5,000.00
020 VO-	0-005	Lea	09 16S 38E	W2	320.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
021 VO-	0-006	Lea	32 16S 38E	SW4, W2SE4	240.00	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
022 V0-	0-007	Lea	08 24S 38E	\$2	320.00	\$1.00	\$5,000.00
023 VO-	0-008	Lea	16 24S 38E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, NW4, E2SW4	261.03	\$1.00	\$4,500.00
024 VO-	0-009	Sandoval	16 20N 01W	ALL	640.00	\$0.50	\$10,000.00
025 VO-	0-010	Sandoval	31 20N 01W	LOT(S) 3, 4, 5, SE4NW4, E2SW4	233.28	\$0.50	\$3,500.00
026 VO-	O-011 (D)	Sandoval	32 22N 01W	LOT(S) 6, 7	44.07	\$0.50	\$1,000.00

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027 VB-0-001	Chaves	24 15S 31E	N2NE4, SE4NE4, E2NW4, N2SE4	280.00	\$0.50	\$4,500.00
028 VB-0-002	Eddy	35 18S 27E	SW4NE4, N2SW4, SE4SW4, N2SE4	240.00	\$1.00	\$3,500.00
029 VB-O-003 (D)	Lea	05 14s 33E	SW4	160.00	\$0.50	\$2,500.00

D: ALL OR PORTION OF SURFACE NON-STATE

E: SUBJECT TO 3/2012 CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

### 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>.

Name of legal entity or personal name —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

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 ) (city) (state) ( 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 \_\_\_\_\_, State of New Mexico, to-wit: land situated in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ TRACT NUMBER LAND DESCRIPTION REGULAR SALE \_\_\_\_\_ acres, more or less. containing \_\_\_ Tendered herewith as bonus and first year's rental thereon is the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_, plus an application fee of \$30.00; 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 \_\_\_\_ Ву\_ Name of Person Signature of Notarial Officer My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgment in a Representative Capacity: State 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:

### 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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TRACT # LEASE #	SEC TWP RGE DESCRIPTION	ACRES BIDDER BID PRICE AMOUNTS
VO-S-001 V09317 00	33 10S 27E E2	320.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$21,766.40 \$68  DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$8,640.00
VO-S-002 V09318 00	16 14S 28E ALL	640.00 CHASE OIL CORPORATION \$320,020.00 \$500 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$17,452.80 DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$17,280.00
VO-S-003 V09319 00	33 15s 31e s2Ne4, W2, SE4	560.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$38,242.40 \$68  DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$21,280.00  THE BLANCO COMPANY \$14,000.00
VO-S-004 V09320 00	32 20S 24E ALL	640.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$18,918.40 \$29 THE BLANCO COMPANY \$16,000.00
V0-S-005	19 21S 25E NE4NE4	WITHDRAWN
VO-S-006 V09321 00	16 23S 25E ALL	640.00 CAZA PETROLEUM, INC. \$195,200.00 \$305 DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$24,320.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$17,177.60
VO-S-007 V09322 00	36 25\$ 24E \$2	320.00 CHASE OIL CORPORATION \$96,020.00 \$300 THE BLANCO COMPANY \$18,000.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$12,156.80
v0-s-008 v09323 00	15 15s 33E W2	320.00 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP \$37,123.00 \$116 DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$12,160.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$8,761.60
v0-s-009 v09324 00	36 15S 34E W2, SE4	480.00 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP \$20,640.00 \$43 THE BLANCO COMPANY \$20,000.00 DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$18,240.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$15,897.60
v0-s-010 v09325 00	16 26S 38E LOT(S) 1, 2, NW4	176.85 DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$37,138.50 \$210
v0-s-011 v09326 00	16 05S 33E ALL	640.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$11,788.80 \$18
VB-S-001 VB2226 00	36 20S 32E NW4	160.00 BOPCO, L.P. \$540,600.00 \$3,378  DANIEL E GONZALES \$464,318.40  MANZANO LLC \$408,530.00  MARSHALL & WINSTON INC \$40,320.00  YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$34,185.60  DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$6,080.00
VB-S-002 VB2227 00	32 21S 32E N2NW4, SW4NW4, SW4	280.00 GMT EXPLORATION COMPANY LLC \$1,368,640.00 \$4,888  DANIEL E GONZALES \$1,260,000.00  ADVENTURE EXPLORATION PARTNER \$602,000.00  LEGEND NATURAL GAS III LIMITE \$420,280.00  MARSHALL & WINSTON INC \$336,560.00  YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION \$161,772.80  CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP \$140,280.03  DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP \$10,640.00

TRACT # LEASE #	SEC TWP RGE DESCRIPTION	ACRES BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
VB-S-003 VB2228 00	29 23S 34E NW4	160.00 CAZA PETROLEUM, INC.  ADVENTURE EXPLORATION PARTNER GMT EXPLORATION COMPANY LLC DANIEL E GONZALES REGENERATION ENERGY, CORPORAT FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP LEGEND NATURAL GAS III LIMITE YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION DURANGO PRODUCTION CORP	\$564,000.00 \$480,000.00 \$355,520.00 \$336,000.00 \$208,160.00 \$162,430.00 \$80,160.00	\$3,525.00
V0-0-001 V09327 00	33 10s 27e W2	320.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$5,000.00	\$15.63
V0-o-002 V09328 00	20 21S 25E N2N2	160.00 THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$7,000.00	\$43.75
V0-0-003 V09329 00	31 23S 25E LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, E2, E2W2 (ALL)	640.36 THE BLANCO COMPANY	\$19,000.00	\$29.67
V0-0-004 V09330 00	9 24S 27E SE4	160.00 LEGEND NATURAL GAS III LIMITE	\$135,000.00	\$843.75
V0-0-005 V09331 00	32 25S 24E ALL	640.00 CHASE OIL CORPORATION	\$16,000.00	\$25.00
V0-0-006 V09332 00	15 12S 34E ALL	640.00 WISE OIL & GAS NO.8, LTD.	\$18,000.00	\$28.13
v0-o-007 v09333 00	15 14s 32E s2	320.00 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$5,000.00	\$15.63
V0-0-008 V09334 00	2 15S 33E LOT(S) 1, 2, S2NE4, SE4	336.78 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$5,500.00	\$16.33
V0-0-009 V09335 00	16 15S 33E ALL	640.00 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$32,000.00	\$50.00
V0-0-010 V09336 00	3 18S 36E S2SW4, SE4	240.00 CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP	\$220,000.00	\$916.67
VB-O-001 VB2229 00	21 17S 36E SE4NE4, SW4SE4	80.00 CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP	\$15,000.00	\$187.50
VB-O-002 VB2230 00	9 17S 37E SW4, S2SE4	240.00 CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP	\$46,000.00	\$191.67
VB-O-003 VB2231 00	34 20s 35E s2	320.00 CROWN OIL PARTNERS IV, LP	\$2,020,000.00	\$6,312.50
VB-0-004 VB2232 00	2 22S 35E NW4SW4	40.00 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$5,000.00	\$125.00

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

# HIGHEST BID ANALYSIS REGULAR SALE December 18, 2012

Total \$5,818,597.50 for 27 tracts covering 10,113.99 Acres...\$575.30 per acre.

Sealed (Five Year) \$3,270,097.50 for 13 tracts covering 5,336.85 Acres...\$612.74 per acre.

Oral (Five Year) \$2,548,500.00 for 14 tracts covering 4,777.14 Acres...\$533.48 per acre.

Total of 28 tracts were offered.... 27 tracts were sold.

Highest Sealed Bid (Five Year Term)

Tract No. VB-002
\$ 1,368,640.00

N2NW4, SW4NW4, SW4 of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, containing 280.00 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 31 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico, by GMT Exploration Company LLC of Denver, CO.

Highest Sealed Bid (Five Year Term)
Per Acre
Per Acre
Tract No. VB-002
\$4,888.00

N2NW4, SW4NW4, SW4 of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, containing 280.00 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 31 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico, by GMT Exploration Company LLC of Denver, CO.

Highest Oral Bid (Five Year Term)

S2 of Section 34, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, containing 320.00 acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 18 miles northwest of Eunice, New Mexico, by Crown Oil Partners III, LP of Midland, TX.

\$2,020,000.00

Highest Oral Bid
(Five Year Term)
Per Acre
Tract No. VB-O-003

\$6,312.50

S2 of Section 34, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, containing 320.00
acres, more or less, in Lea County, approximately 18 miles northwest of Eunice, New Mexico, by Crown Oil Partners III, LP of Midland, TX.

December 2011 Regular Sale was \$2,056,456.98 for 8,036.32 acres or \$3,762,140.52 less than the December 2012 Regular Sale.

No Special Sale

Total Sale was \$5,818,597.50



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 CCAA<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

By Powell

Commissioner of Public Lands

## ~~~~Do you need New Mexico oil and gas info?~~~~

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New Mexico State Land Office, leasing/royalty management agency for state trust lands: <a href="https://www.nmstatelands.org">www.nmstatelands.org</a>

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

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: <a href="http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/">http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/</a>

## 2013

### **NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE**

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### **SALE CALENDAR**

- 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 505-827-5748, submit your nomination in writing, or by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:dfuqua@slo.state.nm.us">dfuqua@slo.state.nm.us</a>.

TO PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR NOMINATION, PLEASE MARK THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ENVELOPE WITH THE WORDS <u>CONFIDENTIAL</u> NOMINATION.

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

### **Unitization & Commingling**

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

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### Bonds, Shut-In Royalty, OGRIDS, Assignments

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

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### **Miscellaneous Instruments**

Debbie Tise, 505-827-5744

### Sand and Gravel, Caliche, General Mining

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