### 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 16 May 2017, for the tracts of land herein described.

The sale will be held online, in a sealed bid format. Bidding will close at 8:30 am MDT on May 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 <a href="https://www.energynet.com/govt listing.pl">www.energynet.com/govt listing.pl</a> 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

## May oil & gas lease sale

The New Mexico State Land Office Oil & Gas lease sale for 16 May 2017 will be held online in a sealed bid format. Online bidding will commence May 9, one week prior to the lease sale date. Sealed bidding will close at 8:30 am MDT on May 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 <a href="https://www.energynet.com/govt\_listing.pl">www.energynet.com/govt\_listing.pl</a> 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 <a href="mailto:swust@slo.state.nm.us">swust@slo.state.nm.us</a>; <a href="mailto:msena@slo.state.nm.us">msena@slo.state.nm.us</a>; <a href="mailto:slopez@slo.state.nm.us">slopez@slo.state.nm.us</a>; <a href="mailto:slopez@slo.state.nm.us">slopez@slop

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.)

#### FEE SCHEDULE FOR BID APPLICATIONS

The New Mexico State Land Office has instituted a new Schedule of Fees, effective 1 July 2016. The fee for an oil & gas lease application (Bid Application at a lease sale) has been increased from \$30 to \$100. The Bid Application form and instructions have been updated to reflect the new fee.

The new fee schedule can be found at the State Land Office web site:

http://www.nmstatelands.org/uploads/files/Fee%20Schedules/New%20Schedule%20of%20Fees%20%26%20Memo%20June%2030%202016.pdf

# 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 <a href="mailto:swust@slo.state.nm.us">swust@slo.state.nm.us</a>. 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.

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Regular Sale - ONLINE SEALED BIDDING COMMENCES MAY 9, 2017. BIDDING FOR THE SEALED TRACTS WILL CLOSE 8:30am MDT ON MAY 16, 2017. 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)		MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
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001 VC-001	(D)	Eddy	16 25S 24E	S2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
002 VC-002		Eddy	36 25S 24E	N2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
003 VC-003		Eddy	16 26S 23E	W2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00
004 VC-004		Eddy	36 26S 24E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, N2N2 (ALL)	248.96	\$1.00	\$8,000.00
005 VC-005		Eddy	02 26S 25E	W2	320.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00

D: ALL OR PORTION OF SURFACE NON-STATE

# Lease Sale Summary April 2017

Total high bids: \$3,984,491

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

Total high bids: \$3,984,491 on 35 tracts covering 8992 acres, for an average per acre

price of \$443/acre

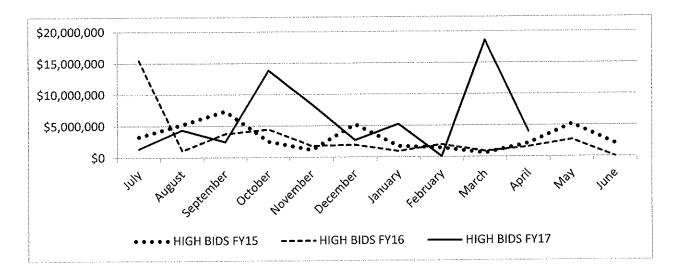
Sealed: \$2,802,791 on 18 tracts covering 5,157 acres, average of \$543/acre

Open bidding: \$1,181,700 on 3,835 acres, average of \$308/acre

12 different winning bidders

24 registered bidders from six states

Sale Month	Total sale	High tracts	Bid type	Rest	_	S	Т	R
18-Apr	\$3,984,491	\$325,440	S			9	10S	33E
•		\$244,080	S			19	10S	33E
		\$271,159	S			6	16S	33E
	•	\$323,550	S			29	16S	35E
		\$243,600	S			24	175	36E
		\$208,788	S			26	185	35E
				_	High			
Total		\$1,616,617		\$2,367,874	sealed	\$1,616,617		
	% Total	41%			open			



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TRACT # LEASE #	SEC TWP RGE DESCRIPTION	ACRES BIDDER	bid Amounts	PRICE/ACR
VC-S-001 VC0083 00	12 09S 31E N2	320.00 BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$112,500.00	\$351.56
VC-S-002 VC0084 00	2 18S 24E LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, S2N2	320.64 FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$59,600.00	\$185.88
VC-S-003 VC0085 00	17 16S 24E N2	320,00 FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$40,300.00	\$125.94
VC-S-004 VC0086 00	6 098 32E LOT{S} 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, S2NE4, SE4NW4	317.20 BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$111,500.00	\$351.51
VC-S-005 VC0087 00	9 10S 33E E2	320.00 ROCK HOUSE RESOURCES, LLC	\$325,440.00	\$1,017.00
VC-S-006 VC0088 00	19 10S 33E E2SW4, SE4	240.00 ROCK HOUSE RESOURCES, LLC	\$244,080.00	\$1,017.00
VC-S-007 VC0089 00	21 10S 33E E2	320.00 ROCK HOUSE RESOURCES, LLC	\$162,240.00	\$507.00
VC-S-008 VC0090 00	16 10S 37E N2	320.00 HEADINGTON ENERGY PARTNERS LL	\$165,440.00	\$517.00
VC-S-009 VC0091 00	32 10S 37E N2	320.00 SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$80,160.00	\$250.50
VC-S-010 VC0092 00	9 15S 35E N2	320.00 CONQUEST LAND COMPANY, LLC	\$168,960.00	\$528.00
VC-S-011 VC0093 00	13 165 32E N2NB4, SW4NE4, E2NW4	200.00 CHASE OIL CORPORATION	\$50,700.00	\$253.50
VC-S-012 VC0094 00	24 16S 32E W2	320.00 SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$96,320.00	\$301.00
VC-S-013 VC0095 00	6 16S 33E LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, B	359.27 CHASE OIL CORPORATION	\$271,159.03	\$754.75
VC-S-014 VC0096 00	29 16S 35E W2	320.00 2323 SS, LLC	\$323,550.00	\$1,011.09
VC-8-015 VC0097 00	24 17S 36E S2	320.00 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$243,600.00	\$761.25
VC-S-016 VC0098 00	10 18S 35E NE4	160.00 ABO ENPIRE, LLC.	\$39,980.00	\$249.88
VC-S-017 VC0099 00	26 10S 35E NB4, NE4NW4	200.00 ABO EMPIRE, LLC.	\$208,788.00	\$1,043.94
VC-S-018 VC0100 00	2 185 36E LOT(S) 1, 2, S2NE4	160.12 WCM RESOURCES LLC	\$98,473.80	\$615.00
VC-0-001 VC0101 00	12 095 31E S2	320.00 BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$85,100.00	\$265.94
VC-0-002 VC0102 00	2 185 24E N2SW4, SE4	240.00 FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$28,050.00	\$116.88
		240.00 FEDERAL ABSTRACT COMPANY	\$25,050.00	\$104.38
VC-0-003 VC0103 00	17 18S 24E S2SW4, SE4		\$85,100.00	\$267.84
VC-0-004 VC0104 00	6 09S 32E LOT(S) 6, 7, E2SW4, SE4	317.73 BROWNING OIL COMPANY, INC.	\$80,100.00	\$250.31
VC-0-005 VC0105 00	16 10S 33E E2	320.00 ROCK HOUSE RESOURCES, LLC	•	
VC-0-006 VC0106 00	19 108 33E LOT(S) 3, 4	80.53 ROCK HOUSE RESOURCES, LLC	\$25,050.00	\$311.06
VC-0-007 VC0107 00	16 10S 37E S2	320.00 HEADINGTON ENERGY PARTNERS LL	\$72,100.00	\$225.31

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TRACT # LEASE #	SEC TWP RGB DESCRIPTION	ACRES BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
AG-0-008 AG0108 00	32 10S 37E S2	320.00 SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$72,100.00	\$225.31
VC-0-009 VC0109 00	24 16S 32E W2NE4, SE4NE4, SE4	280.00 SLASH EXPLORATION LP	\$47,050.00	\$168.04
VC-0-010 VC0110 00	5 16S 33E LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	317.56 CHASE OIL CORPORATION	\$64,100.00	\$201.85
VC-0-011 VC0111 00	6 16S 33E LOT(S) 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16	14, 319.37 CHASE OIL CORPORATION	\$65,100.00	\$203.84
VC-0-012 VC0112 00	17 16S 35E SR4	160.00 2323 SS, LLC	\$122,000.00	\$762,50
VC-0-013 VC0113 00	29 16S 35E SE4	160.00 2323 SS, LLC	\$123,050.00	\$769.06
VC-0-014 VC0114 00	16 18S 32E NE4NE4, S2NE4	120.00 CASTELL OIL COMPANY, LLC	\$180,050.00	\$1,500.42
VC-0-015 VC0115 00	10 18S 35E S2SW4	80.00 FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$24,550.00	\$306.88
VC-0-016 VC0116 00	26 18S 35E E2SE4	80.00 ABO EMPIRE, LLC.	\$28,000.00	\$350.00
VC-0-017 VC0117 00	2 18S 36E E2SW4, W2SE4	160.00 WCM RESOURCES LLC	\$55,150.00	\$344.69

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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.

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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]

# ~~~~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.

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

NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, subsurface geology for the state.

Their publications website: <a href="http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/">http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/</a>

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>



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

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