

**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 20 August 2019, for the tracts of land herein described.

The sale will be held online in sealed bidding format. The sealed bid portion will close at 8:30 am MDT on August 20. 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. Prospective bidders must register with EnergyNet at 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

LEASE NOMINATIONS

Please note the State Land Office's previous restriction requiring nominators to ensure at least a minimum bid is submitted, is suspended until further notice. If a nominated tract receives no bids, the nominator may still nominate tracts for subsequent lease sales.

August oil & gas lease sale

The New Mexico State Land Office Oil & Gas lease sale for 20 August 2019 will be held online in sealed bidding format. Online bidding will commence August 13, one week prior to the lease sale date. Sealed bidding will close at 8:30 am MDT on August 20.

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. Prospective bidders must register with EnergyNet at 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; msena@slo.state.nm.us; 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 *****

Regular Sale - ONLINE SEALED BIDDING COMMENCES 13 AUGUST 2019. BIDDING FOR THE SEALED TRACTS WILL
CLOSE 8:30am MDT ON 20 AUGUST 2019. THE ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SLO CONTRACTOR ENERGINET.

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	19 12S 32E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, E2W2	324.16	\$0.50	\$15,000.00
002 VB-002	Lea	19 12S 32E	E2	320.00	\$0.50	\$15,000.00
003 VB-003 (E)	Lea	36 17S 32E	N2	320.00	\$1.00	\$20,000.00
004 VB-004 (E)	Lea	36 17S 32E	S2	320.00	\$1.00	\$20,000.00

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TRACT #	COUNTY	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (MORE OR LESS)	PRIMARY RENTAL	MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
005 VC-001 (D)	Chaves	02 15S 29E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, S2N2	320.28	\$0.50	\$32,000.00
006 VC-002 (D)	Chaves	02 15S 29E	S2	320.00	\$0.50	\$32,000.00
007 VC-003 (E)	Chaves	36 15S 29E	S2	320.00	\$0.50	\$90,000.00
008 VC-004 (B)	Eddy	19 21S 31E	NE4	160.00	\$1.00	\$300,000.00
009 VC-005 (B)	Eddy	20 21S 31E	NW4	160.00	\$1.00	\$300,000.00
010 VC-006 (E)	Eddy	36 25S 24E	S2	320.00	\$1.00	\$20,000.00
011 VC-007	Lea	15 14S 38E	W2NE4, NW4, W2SE4	320.00	\$0.50	\$50,000.00
012 VC-008 (D)	Lea	33 16S 34E	N2	320.00	\$1.00	\$70,000.00
013 VC-009 (D)	Lea	33 16S 34E	S2	320.00	\$1.00	\$70,000.00
014 VC-010	Lea	15 18S 34E	N2	320.00	\$1.00	\$80,000.00
015 VC-011	Lea	15 18S 34E	SE4	160.00	\$1.00	\$40,000.00
016 VC-012	Lea	28 18S 35E	NE4SE4	40.00	\$1.00	\$10,000.00

B: DRILLING RESTRICTED DUE TO POTASH
E: SUBJECT TO 3/2012 CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

D: ALL OR PORTION OF SURFACE NON-STATE

ALL HIGH BIDS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

www.nmstatelands.org

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 does not 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 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.

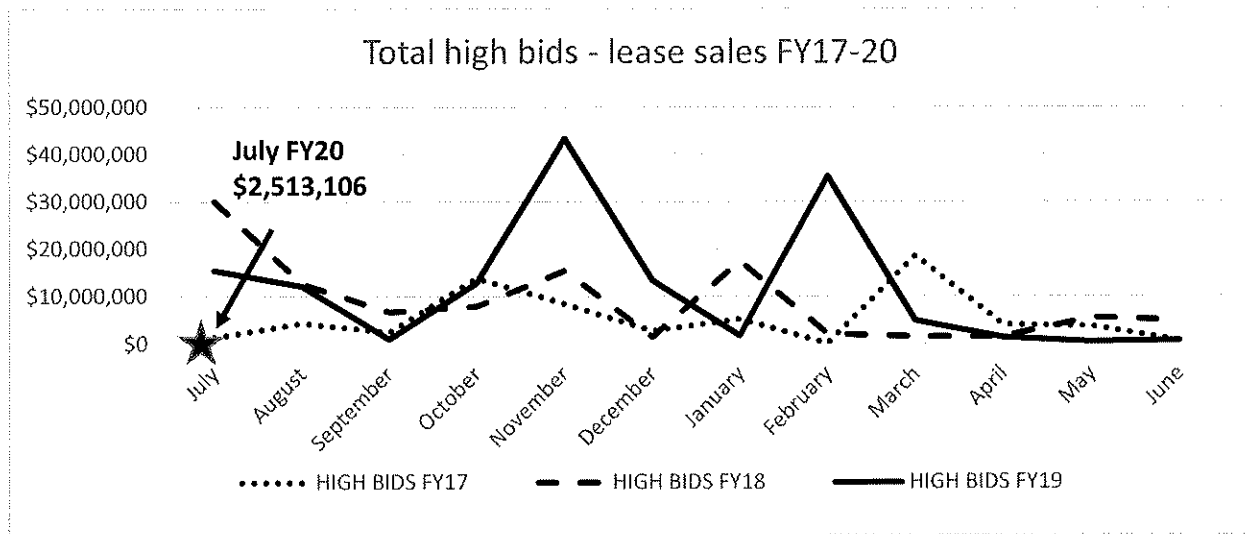
July 2019 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

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

There were 12 tracts offered, for a total of 2159.67 acres, in Lea, Eddy and Chaves Counties. Nine tracts were sold.

Total high bids: \$2,513,106.20, for a per-acre average of \$1,163.65. There were 13 registered bidders from two states.

Sale Month	Total sale	High tracts	Bid type	Rest	S	T	R
16-Jul	\$2,513,106	\$800,000	S		24	21S	30E
		\$552,093	S		19	20S	27E
Total		\$1,352,093					
	% Total	54%		\$1,161,013			



TRACT #	LEASE #	SEC TWP RGE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	BIDDER	BID AMOUNTS	PRICE/ACR
VB-S-001	VB2940 00	18 21S 26E	SE4NE4	40.00	FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT COR	\$17,040.00	\$426.00
VB-S-002		29 13S 34E	S2		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-001	VC0633 00	36 15S 28E	N2SW4	80.00	CHALFANT PROPERTIES, INC.	\$300,560.00	\$3,757.00
VC-S-002	VC0634 00	19 20S 27E	LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, N2NE4, SW4NE4 E2NW4, NE4SW4	359.67	TASCOSA ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC	\$552,093.00	\$1,535.00
VC-S-003	VC0635 00	24 21S 30E	NW4	160.00	PLATFORM ENERGY III, LLC.	\$800,000.00	\$5,000.00
VC-S-004		5 22S 31E	S2S2		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-005	VC0636 00	19 23S 26E	SE4NE4, E2W2, E2SE4	280.00	FEATHERSTONE DEVELOPMENT COR	\$91,560.00	\$327.00
VC-S-006	VC0637 00	13 18S 34E	S2	320.00	PLATFORM ENERGY III, LLC.	\$190,000.00	\$593.75
VC-S-007	VC0638 00	13 18S 34E	W2NE4	80.00	PLATFORM ENERGY III, LLC.	\$37,500.00	\$468.75
VC-S-008		8 18S 35E	W2SW4		WITHDRAWN		
VC-S-009	VC0639 00	17 18S 35E	NE4SW4, S2SW4	120.00	CHASE OIL CORPORATION	\$243,103.20	\$2,025.86
VC-O-001	VC0640 00	34 18S 35E	NE4, E2NW4	240.00	OXY USA INC	\$281,250.00	\$1,171.88

**** 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.

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/>



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