



## United States Department of the Interior

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**June 28, 2013**

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District Office has received requests to lease 216 nominated parcels of public land, totaling more than 399,000 acres, for potential oil and gas exploration and development. A competitive lease sale will be held on December 10, 2013.

During an initial internal review of the parcels, several nominated parcels warranted deferral based on new instructions concerning protecting sage grouse habitat. Other parcels were removed from this sale because of proximity to the Kirch Wildlife Management Area, the Robinson Mine Plan of Operations or the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation NV-UT. The remaining 202 parcels have been analyzed for potential impacts in the Environmental Assessment (EA), in accordance with the Oil & Gas Leasing Reform mandated in 2010. Lease stipulations identified in the Ely Resource Management Plan (2008) are attached to some parcels to help protect certain resources.

To review the EA, please access the BLM NEPA Register at: [https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do). To navigate to this project's webpage, select Nevada (State), Ely District (Office), 2013 (Fiscal Year). Find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-L000-2013-0004-EA) to display the project webpage.

The BLM encourages the public to review and submit comments on the Proposed Action analyzed in the EA within 30 days. Comments on the proposed lease sale should be received by the Ely District Office, attn.: Emily Simpson at the above address, by FAX at (775) 289-1910, or by email at [blm\\_nv\\_eydo\\_dec2013ogsale@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_eydo_dec2013ogsale@blm.gov) by July 29, 2013. All comments received by that date will be addressed or included in the Final EA.

For more information about the December 2013 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, please go to Nevada's BLM website: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/energy.html>.

Thank you for your interest in Public Lands.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Thomas  
District Manager  
Ely District Office

