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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Expressions of Interest (nominations) to sell Federal oil and gas leases on 67 parcels within the Federal mineral estate in a June 2015, lease sale. The parcels are located within Lander, and Nye counties, Nevada in the BLM Battle Mountain District. The preliminary nominated parcel list, along with a map of nominated parcels, is available for review at the ePlanning website, listed below.

The BLM makes mineral resources available for use to meet national, regional, and local needs. Under the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987, the BLM conducts oil and gas lease sales quarterly in each state whenever eligible lands are available for leasing. Prior to offering nominated parcels for lease at a sale, BLM will complete an environmental assessment (EA) to disclose the potential impacts from issuing Federal oil and gas leases and identify stipulations that would be included with each lease.

Written comments on these nominated parcels will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., November 30, 2015. The scoping documents can be viewed at: <http://1.usa.gov/1N0eOtO> or a printed copy can be picked up at the Mount Lewis Field Office at 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV. Written comments can be sent to BLM at the address above during this comment period and will be considered in the decision-making process. Comments may also be submitted using the ePlanning comments submission at: <http://1.usa.gov/1N0eOtO> (click on the "comment" button in the lower right hand corner) or emailed to: blm_nv_bmdo_2016_OG_ea@blm.gov.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

All submissions from organizations, businesses, and individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses, will be available for public review.

The BLM expects to make the EA available for public review and comment in February 2016. A Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale is scheduled for June 2016. Additional information about the Oil and Gas Leasing process is available at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable_minerals/oil_gas/oil_and_gas_leasing.html

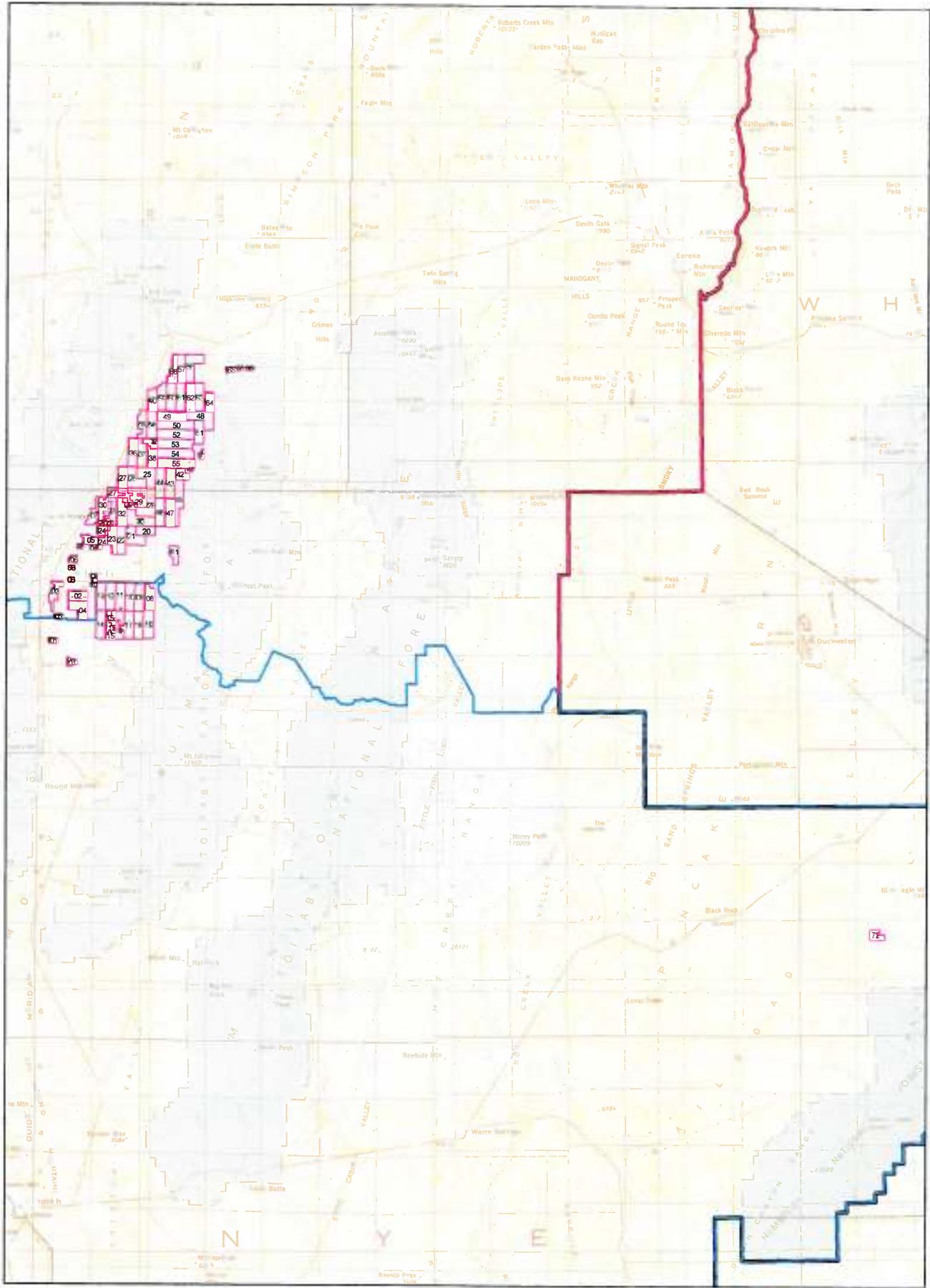
A letter requesting your assistance in providing comments to our EA will be sent to you at that time.

If you have any questions please contact Andrea Dolbear, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or at (775) 635-4150.

Sincerely,

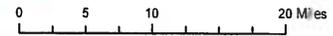
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Douglas W. Furtado
District Manager



2016 Nominated Parcels Oil and Gas Lease Sale

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| Legend | Land Status | Department of Defense | Nevada State Lands |
| Sale 2016 Parcels | Agency | Department of Energy | Park |
| Field Office Boundary | Bureau of Indian Affairs | Forest Service | Private |
| Administrative Unit Name | Bureau of Land Management | Fish and Wildlife Service | Water |
| Mineral Lease Field Office | Bureau of Reclamation | National Park Service | |
| Damaged Field Office | | | |
| County Boundary | | | |



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