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Dear Interested Public,

In keeping with the Administration's goal of promoting American energy independence, the Bureau of Land Management will offer 35 parcels, totaling approximately 52,095 acres in the Battle Mountain District, at its December 2019 quarterly oil and gas lease sale. This notice initiates a public comment period on associated environmental documents that ends on October 7, 2019. The BLM will hold the lease sale online at www.energynet.com.

This comment period complies with the terms of a Preliminary Injunction issued by the U.S. District Court of Idaho in *W. Watersheds Project v. BLM* (No. 1:18-cv-00187-REB), which required lengthier comment periods on environmental compliance documents associated with parcels that intersect Priority or General Habitat Management Areas for Greater Sage-Grouse.

Responsible energy development includes consideration of parcels nominated for leasing as well as potential resource impacts for each parcel. Additional environmental review will take place during processing of an Application for Permit to Drill, when site-specific Conditions of Approval will be placed on the permit in addition to the stipulations attached to the lease.

The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register website at <https://go.usa.gov/xVDhr>. Written comments will be accepted until October 7, 2019, and can be submitted online at the NEPA Register site; mailed to the BLM Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820, or to the Tonopah Field Office at P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049; or emailed to: mjennings@blm.gov.

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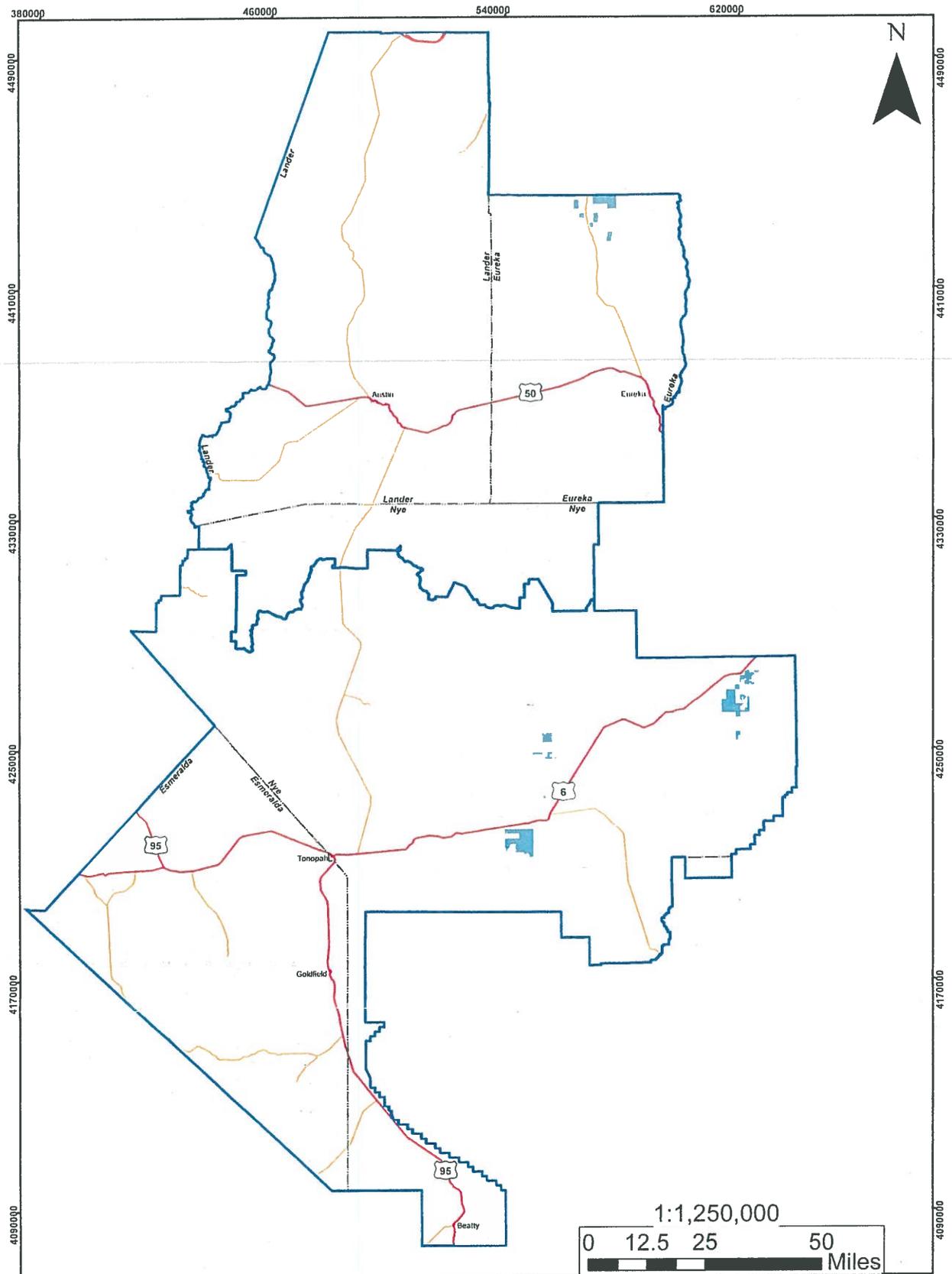
The oil and gas industry on public lands in Nevada contributed \$3.1 million in total economic output in FY2018. Continuous exploration, development, and site restoration is required to sustain production rates, jobs, income and royalties.

A map of proposed lease parcels is enclosed. If you have questions please contact Melissa Jennings, Geologist at (775) 482-7840 or Perry Wickham, Field Manager, at (775) 482-7801.

Sincerely,

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Field Manager

Enclosure: Overview map of proposed lease parcels



**Battle Mountain District
2019 December
Oil & Gas Lease Sale Parcels**

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