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Anadarko Lease Sale A Success

- The Anadarko Agency held a sale on May 12, 2010.
- The sale consisted of 577 tracts.
- The average price per acre was \$271.71
- The highest amount bid per acre was \$1,350.00.
- The sale total was \$3,339,679.27.



The Bureau of Indian Affairs Anadarko Field Office manages Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Fort Sill-Apache, Caddo, Delaware and Wichita Tribal & Allotted Indian Lands.

The Anadarko Field Office manages lands in the following counties in Oklahoma: Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Kiowa, Jefferson, Stephens, Tillman and Washita.

Concho BIA Now Accepting Nominations

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Concho Field Office is now accepting nominations for an upcoming oil and gas lease sale.

The Concho Field Office manages Cheyenne-Arapaho lands in the following counties in Oklahoma: Blaine, Canadian, Dewey, Ellis, Kingfisher, and Roger Mills.

For assistance with nominations, bidding or leasing restricted Indian tracts, please contact Jennifer Krieg at jkrieg@rsenergysolutions.com.

Sabine National Forest

Reagan Smith Energy Solutions has ongoing projects in Sabine National Forest and is well versed in US Forest Service regulations and requirements. We can streamline your project and assist in troubleshooting. Contact Monica Smith Griffin for more information, msmith@rsenergysolutions.com.

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Upcoming Dates

BLM Sales

Colorado BLM

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: May 13, 2010

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: August 12, 2010

New Mexico BLM

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: July 21, 2010

Nevada BLM

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: June 8, 2010

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: September 14, 2010

Utah BLM

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: May 25, 2010

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: August 17, 2010

Wyoming BLM

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: May 11, 2010

Cutoff date: Closed

Sale: August 3, 2010

Please contact us for sale lists and nominations.
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Interior Finalizes Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reforms

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As part of Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar's ongoing agenda to change how the Department of the Interior does business, the Bureau of Land Management today finalized several reforms to its oil and gas program that will improve environmental protection of important natural resources on U.S. public lands while aiding in the orderly leasing and balanced development of the nation's energy supply.

"We must continue to move forward quickly and responsibly on our agenda to reform the management of our nation's onshore and offshore energy resources and our oversight of the companies that develop them," said Secretary Salazar. "The BLM reforms we are finalizing today establish a more orderly, open, and environmentally sound process for developing oil and gas resources on public lands. The BP oil spill is a stark reminder of how we must continue to push ahead with the reforms we have been working on and which we know are needed."

"These reforms take a fresh look, from inside the Federal government and from outside, at how we can better manage Americans' energy resources," said BLM Director Bob Abbey. "They will improve protections for land, water, and wildlife, and reduce potential conflicts that can lead to costly and time-consuming protests and litigation of leases. The reforms will also move control of the leasing process from Washington, DC, to the field."

Under the reformed oil and gas leasing policy, the BLM will:

- Engage the public in the development of Master Leasing Plans (MLP) prior to leasing in certain areas where significant new oil and gas development is anticipated. The intent is to fully consider other important natural resource values before making a decision on leasing and development in an area.
- Ensure potential lease sales are fully coordinated both internally and externally, including public participation, and interdisciplinary review of available information, as well as on-site visits to parcels prior to leasing when necessary to supplement or validate existing data.
- Require an "extraordinary circumstances" review screen before applying the categorical exclusions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to oil and gas drilling activities on BLM lands. Categorical exclusions are categories of actions that do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, and for which the BLM is generally not required to prepare extensive environmental reviews. A review for extraordinary circumstances has been required for all administratively-established categorical exclusions, and will now apply to oil and gas categorical exclusions established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as well.

In January, Secretary Salazar outlined the reforms that BLM is finalizing today. Many of the reforms follow the recommendations of an interdisciplinary review team that studied a controversial 2008 oil and gas lease sale in Utah.

Abbey said the increased opportunity for public participation and a more thorough environmental review process and documentation can help reduce the number of protests filed, as well as enhance the BLM's ability to resolve protests prior to lease sales.

"The consequence of not following this front-loaded process in the past has been significant protests and appeals, coupled with judicial restraints on development, job loss, and diminished access to energy resources," said Abbey. "Instead of the BLM investing vast amounts of staff time and attention to defending lawsuits and revisiting the leasing process after receiving direction from the courts, our goal is to undertake important reviews in advance."

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Upcoming Dates

BIA Sales

Anadarko Agency
Accepting Nominations

Concho Agency
Accepting Nominations

Osage
Accepting Nominations

Pawnee Agency
Accepting Nominations

Five Civilized Tribes
Court Approved
Leases
See our website for
Docket Days

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lists and nominations.
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MMS to Split Into Three Separate Entities—Within 30 Days

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The US Department of the Interior is going to break the Minerals Management Service into three separate agencies in its attempt to better oversee the offshore oil and gas industry. “The Minerals Management Service has three distinct and conflicting missions that— for the benefit of effective enforcement, energy development and revenue collection— must be divided,” said Ken Salazar, US Interior Secretary. The MMS will be split into three separate divisions: one to manage energy leasing, one to collect royalties, and one to enforce safety regulations. The new Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will oversee leasing areas in the Outer Continental Shelf for both petroleum and renewable energy.

The Office of Natural Resources will manage royalties and revenues, including asset management, auditing and compliance, and revenue collection and distribution for both on-shore and offshore drilling. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement will ensure oversight, safety and environmental protection for offshore activities. Plans are underway to implement the changes within the next 30 days.

“This is an agency that has a responsibility of protecting American taxpayers and generates \$13 billion a year in revenue,” Salazar said. “It also has the responsibility of protecting the resources of the Outer Continental Shelf. It needs to be a much more robust organization.”

This is the second restructuring plan proposed for the roles of the MMS. Just last week, Salazar proposed bifurcation of the MMS, separating the environment and safety segments of the agency from the royalty collections and leasing arm of the group.

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BLM Signs Memorandum of Understanding on Migratory Bird Conservation

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U.S. Fish Wildlife Service Acting Director Rowan Gould signed two Memoranda of Understandings today, one with National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, and another with the Bureau Land Management Deputy Director Mike Pool. The Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) are designed to strengthen coordination for migratory bird conservation. The MOUs help identify and implement strategies to complement and support existing efforts, and facilitate new collaborative migratory bird conservation partnerships and comprehensive planning strategies for migratory birds.

“This agreement will help us conduct landscape-level planning and develop additional conservation measures to benefit migratory bird species across public and private lands,” said Gould. “The conservation of birds will help sustain ecological integrity and ecosystem services, including insect control, pollination, and seed dispersal. Migratory bird conservation also meets the growing public demand, and need, for outdoor education and recreation.”

“Addressing the conservation needs of migratory birds on public lands is crucial to many species,” said Bureau of Land Management Director Bob Abbey. “We’re pleased to work closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore and enhance critical habitat and improve conservation through public education.”

These MOUs meet the requirements under section 3 of Executive Order 13186 concerning the responsibilities of Federal agencies to protect migratory birds. The Executive Order directs executive departments and agencies to take certain actions to further implement the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The MOUs identify specific ways the agencies can cooperate to substantially contribute to the conservation and management of migratory birds and their habitats. Potential areas of collaboration include:

- Implementing studies on migratory bird species that may be potentially affected by agency actions
- Developing conservation measures and best management practices
- Developing and providing ongoing support for educational programs such as International Migratory Bird Day
- Promoting and providing training, sharing information, and integrating migratory bird conservation principles and practices across agencies.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

For more information on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and compliance, please contact Monica Smith Griffin at msmith@rsenergysolutions.com

Upcoming Dates
State Sales

Louisiana
June 9, 2010

Oklahoma CLO
July 21, 2010

Upcoming Events

OCAPL Meeting
September 2010

TAPL Meeting

WindPower 2010
May 23-26, 2010

American Burying
Beetle Season
May 20-September 20



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**Energy Prices and
Rig Count as of
May 26, 2010**

WTI Crude-ICE	70.8
Brent Crude-ICE	71.3
Ethanol-cbot	1.59
Gas Oil-ICE	6.10
Rig Count- Africa	85
Rig Count-Europe	103
Rig Count-Canada	173
Rig Count-Far East	262
Rig Count-LatAm	370
Rig Count- USA	1,518



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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Celebrates Endangered Species Day
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Five years ago, the U.S. Senate designated the third Friday in May as Endangered Species Day. This year, Endangered Species Day was May 21, an opportunity to raise awareness about imperiled plants, animals and habitats, and to demonstrate ways that others can help conserve these resources. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its wildlife management partners will observe Endangered Species Day to recognize the conservation programs underway nationwide aimed at protecting America's threatened and endangered species.

"The Endangered Species Act is the nation's premier law protecting biodiversity today," said Acting Service Director Rowan Gould. "The bald eagle, American alligator and gray wolf are all species which once found themselves on the list, facing the brink of extinction, but have successfully rebounded. The wood stork, Kirtland's warbler, Louisiana black bear and Kemp's Ridley sea turtle are still listed species that are showing good progress towards achieving recovery—the ultimate goal of the ESA. These species and many others continue to benefit from the protections afforded by the ESA and the dedicated people who work through the Act to ensure their continued existence."

In the Midwest, the Service uses Endangered Species Day to highlight conservation projects that help not only imperiled species, but habitats and ecosystems. From stream improvements to prairie restoration, from whooping cranes to darters, since 1973, the Endangered Species Act has helped restore the natural landscape of the Midwest Co.-administered by the Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the purpose of the ESA is to conserve imperiled species and the ecosystems upon which they depend.

There are currently 1,324 species listed in the U.S.: 750 plants and 574 animals. To find out which endangered species are near you, and how you can help, please visit www.fws.gov/endangered.

The Service works with other Federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments, environmental organizations, industry groups, academia, the scientific community, and members of the public to help conserve our nation's threatened and endangered fish, wildlife, and plants.

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Reagan Smith Energy Solutions is specialized in performing Endangered Species field surveys. We hold USFWS permits for the American Burying Beetle and the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. Please contact Monica Smith Griffin for more information. msmith@rsenergysolutions.com

