

**U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Kingman Field Office  
2755 Mission Blvd.  
Kingman, AZ 86401**

**Decision Record and Leasing Recommendation  
Kingman Field Office Oil and Gas Lease Sale EA  
DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2012-0014-EA**

**Decision:**

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action as identified in the Kingman Field Office Oil and Gas Lease Sale Environmental Assessment (EA), DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2012-0014-EA.

**Authority:**

The authority for this decision is contained in 43 CFR 3100.0-3(a)(1).

**Compliance and Monitoring:**

Should the leases be developed, monitoring may be required and would be addressed and analyzed under future NEPA documentation.

**Terms, Conditions, and Stipulations:**

For both parcels, standard terms and conditions, as well as the lease notices and stipulations identified by parcel in Table 1 of the EA, would apply and be attached to the parcels.

**Plan Conformance and Consistency:**

The proposed action and alternative has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the land use decisions described in the Kingman Resource Area Resource Management Plan, approved March 1995..

**Alternatives Considered:**

No Action. The No Action Alternative would exclude offering two lease parcels covering 3,329.37 acres in the Kingman Field Office (KFO) from the May 2013 lease sale being held in Denver, Colorado. Surface management would remain the same, and the interest in oil and gas development of these parcels, as defined by the proponent, would terminate.

Proposed Action. The Proposed Action would be to lease, through competitive lease sale, two parcels, containing 3,329.37 acres of public land administered by the Kingman Field Office, for the purpose of oil and gas exploration and development. The parcels are located about twenty miles south of Kingman, Mohave County, Arizona.

## Public Comments:

On October 12, 2012, this EA was made available for a thirty day public comment period. Several written comments were received. As a result of these comments Section 106 consultations with Tribes was initiated. The EA was modified with addition information regarding traditional cultural properties (TCP's) to alleviate those concerns.

On February 8, 2013, the Bureau of Land Management provided notice that two parcels of land (3,329.37 acres) would be offered in a competitive oil and gas lease sale on May 9, 2013; this lease sale notice initiated a 30-day protest period for the lease sale. No protests were received.

## Rationale for the Decision:

The decision to approve the proposed action is based on the following: 1) consistency with resource management and land use plans; 2) national policy; 3) agency statutory requirements; 4) relevant resource issues; and 5) application of measures to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. The proposed action has been chosen as the preferred alternative.

1. The decision is in conformance with the Kingman Resource Area Resource Management Plan, approved March 1995.
2. It is the policy of the Bureau of Land management (BLM) as derived from various laws, including the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended [30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*] and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, to make mineral resources available for disposal and to encourage development of mineral resources to meet national, regional, and local needs.
3. The decision is consistent with all federal, state, and county authorizing actions required for implementation of the Proposed Action.
4. Standard terms and conditions as well as special stipulations would apply. Lease stipulations (as required by Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3101.1-3) were added to each parcel as identified by the Kingman Field Office to address site specific resource concerns or new information not identified in the land use planning process.

## Administrative Review and Appeal:

This decision shall take effect immediately upon the date it is signed by the authorized officer. This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, the Notice of Appeal must be filed in the Arizona State Office, One Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004, within 30 days from this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart B §4.21) for a stay of the effectiveness of this Decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show

sufficient justification based on the following standards listed below. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

**Standards for Obtaining a Stay**

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall be evaluated based on the following standards:

- 1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
  - 2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
  - 3) The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted;
- And
- 4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.


Copies of the Notice of Appeal, Petition for Stay, and any statement of reasons, written arguments or briefs must also be submitted to each party named in this Decision and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) in accordance with Form 1842-1, at the same time the original documents are filed in this office. A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party, as listed below.

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

In case of an appeal, the adverse parties to be served are:

Contex Energy Co., 621 – 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 1020, Denver, CO 80295

Approved by:

  
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Julie Decker  
Deputy State Director, Division of Resources

Date: 5/8/13