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**From:** Chambers, Micah  
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**Subject:** Re: FOR REVIEW: NPR-A O&G Lease Sale Materials  
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Thus far I have commitments from DY and Murkowski to provide quotes by tomorrow morning.

On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 5:42 PM, Newell, Russell <[russell\\_newell@ios.doi.gov](mailto:russell_newell@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

will do.

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 5:24 PM, Rigas, Laura <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks. Russ, can you pls make sure Paul has the latest quote from the Mayor and the edits to Z's quote?

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 4:35 PM, Swift, Heather <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

my edits for a Zinke quote

“In May I put my hand on the TAPS and pledged to fill the pipeline and put Alaskans back to work powering the American economy. Holding the biggest-ever NPR-A lease sale will help achieve that goal,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. “Responsible development of oil and gas resources in Alaska creates good-paying local jobs and generates revenue for the state and local communities. I’m excited to work with Mayor Harry Browler, Senator Murkowski and others to put Alaska to work.”

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 4:30 PM, Stephen Wackowski <[stephen\\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I am still waiting for some info from BLM, I should be getting it soon. Quote from North Slope Mayor below:

Mayor Harry K. Brower Jr.

I welcome Secretary Zinke's announcement today that the Bureau of Land Management will hold an oil and gas lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska. The Secretary's announcement demonstrates his commitment to maximize the tracts offered for sale in NPR-A lease sales while striking a balance between promoting development and protecting subsistence and surface resources.

On Oct 24, 2017, at 11:42 AM, Rigas, Laura <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi all -- when can we have this release wrapped up? Need to send the WH a copy by tomorrow am.

Thanks!

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 2:35 PM, Micah Chambers <[micah\\_chambers@ios.doi.gov](mailto:micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Request is out for quotes to delegation

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2017, at 9:51 AM, Rigas, Laura <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I support those. Also, adding Micah who is getting quotes from the Delegation. Thanks.

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 9:47 AM, Stephen Wackowski  
<[stephen\\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, but You did include me on the original email. I need to ping our BLM comms shop here to get some information for the language I would like considered to be added.

Also, you guys good with me (b) (5)

? I think (b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2017, at 5:42 AM, Rigas, Laura <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Waco! I apologize, I should have included you on the email. It's going on Thursday.

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 9:34 AM, Stephen Wackowski  
<[stephen\\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I have three suggestions.

(b) (6) Bernhardt

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I'm on reserve duty today. But can help get some of this if you want to take it. When do you put the lid on this?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2017, at 1:05 PM, Newell, Russell <[russell\\_newell@ios.doi.gov](mailto:russell_newell@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Steve - wanted to forward this to you for situational awareness and review, and thoughts. will ping you to discuss, but wanted to share and give you time to review.

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From: **Rigas, Laura** <[laura\\_rigas@ios.doi.gov](mailto:laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 4:12 PM  
Subject: Fwd: FOR REVIEW: NPR-A O&G Lease Sale Materials  
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Hi all --

Below please find BLM's draft release for the NPR-A oil and gas lease sale. It is set to publish on Thursday, Oct. 26 in the Federal Register, and be in the reading room on Wednesday (ie, will become public then). Micah

is reaching out to the AK delegation to make them aware. (b) (5)

Question -- should this be tied to the "Energy Burdens" report roll-out?  
If so, we could just include it in Wednesday's DOI release and BLM could send out what's below as a follow-on.

Thanks,  
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## **BLM announces December 2017 NPR-A oil & gas lease sale**

**ANCHORAGE**— In keeping with the Administration’s goal of achieving American energy dominance, the Bureau of Land Management today announced in the Federal Register that it will hold an oil and gas lease sale in December within part of the 22.8-million-acre National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) via video livestream.

“The Department of the Interior will harness our nation’s Arctic resources on public lands both onshore and offshore in order to ensure an energy-dominant future for the citizens of this great country,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. “Alaska has long been an energy powerhouse and is home to one of our greatest energy infrastructure projects the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). The

energy development that comes from lease sales in the NPR-A will ensure that TAPS continues to bring American energy to the people who need it long into the future.”

The December 6, 2017, sale will be the 13th in the NPR-A since 1999, and will include all available tracts (covering 10.3 million acres) for lease. This is the first time all 900 tracts have been offered for lease.

These tracts were designated as available for development in the 2013 Record of Decision for the Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the NPR-A.

“BLM Alaska is committed to supporting energy development while fostering responsible stewardship of the environment,” said Karen Mouritsen, Acting State Director for BLM Alaska. This December lease sale and future lease sales in the NPR-A demonstrate this Administration’s commitment to the long term energy strength and economic growth of the State of Alaska.”

There are currently 189 authorized leases in the NPR-A, covering more than 1,372,688 acres. Bids received for the 12 previous sales generated more than \$280 million, half of which was paid to the State of Alaska.

From Aug. 7 through Sept 6 of this year, the BLM sought public input and nominations on all tracts within the NPR-A. The BLM received numerous comments and nominations on tracts available and unavailable for leasing.

In February 2015, the BLM issued the

Record of Decision for the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 oil and gas development project, opening the way for the first production of oil and gas on public land in the NPR-A. A second, proposed development project within the reserve, called Greater Mooses Tooth 2, is currently under environmental review by the BLM.

The upcoming oil and gas lease sales are competitive. A detailed statement of sale, including a description of the tracts offered for lease, the lease terms, conditions and special stipulations, and how and where to submit the sealed bids, will be available at <https://on.doi.gov/2fgHGRq>.

Sealed bids must be received by 4 p.m. (AKST) on Dec. 4, at the BLM-Alaska State Office. The BLM will open sealed bids submitted on the tracts offered at 1 p.m. (AKST) on Dec. 6, and will livestream the opening of the bids at [www.blm.gov/live](http://www.blm.gov/live).

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