

State of Montana
Oil and Gas Lease Sale - September 1, 2026
Final Sale List

The following described lands will be offered for oil and gas leasing through an online bidding service, Efficient Markets, opens on August 26, 2026 and closes on September 1, 2026.

Tract	Stipulations	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	*	Acres	Bid/Acre	Bidder
Musselshell									
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 17	10N	27E	16	ALL		640.00	_____	_____
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10	11N	27E	16	ALL		640.00	_____	_____
Sheridan									
4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16	35N	58E	36	LOTS 1-12 INC., W2	*	866.52	_____	_____
Toole									
5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13	31N	2W	16	ALL	*	640.00	_____	_____
6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	36N	1W	16	ALL		640.00	_____	_____
7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12	36N	4W	10	SE4NW4, NE4NE4, S2NE4, S2	*	480.00	_____	_____
8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14	36N	4W	11	ALL, BELOW THE BASE OF THE BOW ISLAND FORMATION	*	640.00	_____	_____
9	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	37N	2W	16	ALL		640.00	_____	_____
10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	37N	3W	34	ALL		640.00	_____	_____
11	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	37N	4W	14	S2SW4	*	80.00	_____	_____
12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	37N	4W	23	E2	*	320.00	_____	_____
13	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	37N	4W	24	ALL	*	640.00	_____	_____

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Total Tracts	12
Total Acres	6,866.52

Additional lease stipulations are listed on the following pages. The Stipulations column on the sale list identifies which stipulations will be attached to each tract.

Sight drafts will not be accepted. The State Board of Land Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All payments are due within ten days after the date of sale.

Individuals with disabilities may request assistance or special services by calling (406) 444-4576 at least one week prior to the sale.

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

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Stipulations

- 1 Lessee shall notify and obtain approval from the Department's Forestry and Trust Lands Division (FTLD) prior to constructing well pads, roads, power lines, and related facilities that may require surface disturbance on the tract. Lessee shall comply with any mitigation measures stipulated in FTLD's approval.
- 2 Prior to the drilling of any well on or into the lease premises, lessee shall send one copy of the well prognosis, including Form 22 "Application for Permit" to the Department's Forestry and Trust Lands Division (FTLD). After a well is drilled and completed, lessee shall send one copy of all logs run, Form 4A "Completion Report", and geologic report to FTLD. A copy of Form 2 "Sundry Notice and Report of Wells" or other appropriate Board of Oil and Gas Conservation form shall be sent to FTLD whenever any subsequent change in well status or operator is intended or has occurred. Lessee shall also notify and obtain approval from the FTLD prior to plugging a well on the lease premises.

Issuance of this lease in no way commits the Land Board to approval of coal bed methane production on this lease. Any coal bed methane extraction wells would require subsequent review and approval by the board.
- 3 The FTLD will complete an initial review for cultural resources and, where applicable, paleontological resources of the area intended for disturbance and may require a resources inventory. Based on the results of the inventory, the FTLD may restrict surface activity for the purpose of protecting significant resources located on the lease premises.
- 4 The lessee shall be responsible for controlling any noxious weeds introduced by lessee's activity on State-owned land and shall prevent or eradicate the spread of those noxious weeds onto land adjoining the lease premises. The lessee's methods of control shall be reviewed and approved by the Department's Unit Office that has jurisdiction for that locale.
- 5 The definitions of "oil" and "gas" provided in 82-1-111, MCA, do not apply to this lease for royalty calculation purposes.
- 6 If the State does not own the surface, the lessee must contact the owner of the surface in writing at least 30 days prior to any surface activity. A copy of the correspondence shall be sent to FTLD.
- 7 Due to unstable soil conditions on this tract and/or topography that is rough and/or steep, surface use may be restricted or denied. Seismic activity may be restricted to poltershots.
- 8 The lessee is responsible to pay for all damages, including penalties and charges assessed by the USDA-CFSA on CRP lands, as a result of drilling and production on the tract.
- 9 If production from (a) well(s) on this tract is/are put to private use, (for example, farm taps) the Lessee is responsible for installation of (a) meter(s) and documentation of gas used as recorded by said meter(s). Documentation will be provided to the Department. Lessee will have (a) meter(s) installed within 45 days prior to gas production, or of the decision to use the well(s) as (a) tap well(s), or written notification of FTLD of this decision, whichever comes first. The Lessee shall work with MMB every year that the tap well is in use to pay royalties on the average price of gas. MMB will calculate a contract gas price annually based on projected AECO Index price. Non-compliance with this stipulation will result in lease cancellation.
- 10 This lease is located within designated sage grouse general habitat. Proposed activities are subject to, and shall comply with, all provisions, stipulations and mitigation requirements of the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy, as implemented by Governor's Executive Orders 10-2014, 12-2015, and amendments thereto. Contact the FTLD prior to preparing a project proposal.
- 11 This lease is located within designated sage grouse core habitat. Proposed activities are subject to, and shall comply with, all provisions, stipulations and mitigation requirements of the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy, as implemented by Governor's Executive Orders 10-2014, 12-2015, and amendments thereto. Contact the FTLD prior to preparing a project proposal.
- 12 Due to the floodplain/wetlands area(s), surface use may be restricted or denied.

- 13 This tract has (an) existing well(s) and related facilities. The lessee has 45 days from the effective date of this lease to determine whether or not to assume responsibility from the former lessee for the well(s) and any existing facilities. The lessee may not enter the well(s) until a change of operator has been filed with, and approved by, the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation. The(se) well(s) must be returned to commercial production or plugged and the well site(s) reclaimed within 6 months from the effective date of this lease.
- 14 Due to existing surface uses and the potential for future surface development, utilization of the surface for mineral exploration and development may be restricted or denied. Review of operating plans for exploration and/or development will include consideration of both existing and potential surface development to minimize conflicts and ensure that both mineral and surface uses are consistent with one another and in the best long-term interest of the school trust.
- 15 Due to existing surface uses (such as center pivots, wheel lines, etc.) development on this tract may be restricted.
- 16 If whooping cranes are observed on-site, construction and/or maintenance activities shall be suspended until birds leave the area.
- 17 Wildlife species of concern have been identified on or near this tract. Identified species will be avoided, unless otherwise authorized by the FTLD. Additional mitigation measures may also be required.



TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: December 1, 2026 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

In order to give as much advance notice as possible, please be advised that the December 2026 Oil and Gas Lease Sale will be held online during the period of **November 25 – December 1, 2026**, through the online auction service, Efficient Markets (efficientmarkets.com). Please contact Efficient Markets for help setting up an account to bid on state tracts. For all other inquiries, contact the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. In the event details for the December Oil and Gas Lease Sale change, an updated notice will be sent out.

The filing deadline date for submitting applications on tracts to be nominated for the sale in December is **5:00pm MST on September 15, 2026**. Applications must be received in this office by that date. If you have any questions, please contact me at THossfeld@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

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