# **The Bureau of Land Management Bakersfield Field Office issues December oil and gas lease sale notice, Kern County**

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Washington: U S Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management has issued the following news release:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bakersfield Field Office will offer seven parcels for lease, totaling approximately 4,133 acres of federal minerals, at an ***oil*** and gas lease sale during the week of December 7. All parcels are located in or adjacent to existing oilfields in ***Kern*** County.

The BLM is a key contributor to the Trump Administration’s priority for American energy independence through an all-of-the-above strategy that includes ***oil*** and gas, strategic minerals and renewable sources, such as wind, geothermal and solar – all of which can be found on public lands.

“The BLM is committed to responsible energy development on public lands to meet the needs of the American people while fulfilling our mission to manage the public’s natural resources for multiple uses. We strive to be a good neighbor and supporter of local communities,” says BLM California State Director Karen Mouritsen. “The ***oil*** and gas industry generates approximately 3,500 jobs and $200 million in economic benefit annually within the Bakersfield area alone.”

***Oil*** and gas fields on public lands in California are highly developed with some oilfields having been in production for more than 100 years. The leases being offered for sale are adjacent to the Midway-Sunset Oilfield or within the ***Kern*** Front Oilfield in ***Kern*** County. The environmental analysis estimates that, based on development trends on new leases, up to 10 new wells could be developed across all seven parcels.

The Bakersfield Field Office will conduct additional environmental review and may issue site-specific conditions when considering an application for permit to drill, in addition to the stipulations already attached to the lease at the time of sale.

BLM-managed public lands in California account for less than 10 percent of California’s ***oil*** and gas production, with the state managing the remaining 90 percent. The state permits all hydraulic fracturing activities in California, including those on BLM-managed public land.

Revenues from onshore ***oil*** and gas production on Federal lands directly fund the U.S Treasury and state budgets, and support public education, infrastructure improvements and other state-determined priorities. The BLM shares with California roughly 50 percent or between $65 million to $90 million dollars per year of collected ***oil*** and gas royalties. The remaining 50 percent is paid to the U.S Treasury. Nationwide, the BLM generated a record $1.1 billion from 28 ***oil*** and gas lease sales in Fiscal Year 2018.

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