

STATE OF MONTANA OIL & GAS LEASE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Form DS-448 must appear on one side of a legal (8½” x 14”) size page, with the Applicant's signature at the bottom of page 1. If the application is not submitted in this format, the applicant will be required to re-submit the application.

- Applications must be completed on the current Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) application form (DS-448).
- The Department requires applicants to sign each application. Copies are not acceptable by the Department.
- A current address and email of the applicant must be included on the form.
- The non-refundable application filing fee is \$15.00 per application. An application for each tract (section) is required. If the tract is held to different depth determinations, then a separate application is required for each depth.
- Applications must be received by mail or by email in the Helena DNRC office by 5 P.M. MST on the Nomination Deadline date. The Oil & Gas Leasing Calendar contains the deadlines date for our lease sale. The Nomination Deadline date for each sale can be found on our website at <https://dnrc.mt.gov/TrustLand/subsurface-resources/oil-gas-leasing> under the Additional Oil and Gas Information within the Leasing Information tab. If applications are emailed by the deadline date, the nominator is still required to mail the original applications. Send completed applications to DNRC/TLMD, 1539 Eleventh Avenue, PO Box 201601, Helena, MT 59620-1601 or by email to THossfeld@mt.gov.
- Oil and Gas Lease Sales have switched from an onsite oral auction to an online auction hosted by EnergyNet.com. To bid on the nominated tracts, EnergyNet recommends companies and/or individuals register at least 7 days in advance of bidding. (https://www.energynet.com/bidder_reg.pl?registration_choice=government)
- The winner or intended lessee must be qualified to do business in the State of Montana and be registered with the Montana Secretary of State. Further information on how to register can be found on the State of Montana website at <http://sos.mt.gov/Business/index.asp>.
- The initial lease can only have one lessee not multiple lessees. An assignment can be completed after the lease sale to transfer working interest to other parties. The assignment form and instructions can be found on our website at <https://dnrc.mt.gov/TrustLand/subsurface-resources/Forms/DS-424-OG-Assignment.pdf>.
- For additional information or questions, please contact Theresa Hossfeld at THossfeld@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

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APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA

TO: THE MONTANA STATE BOARD OF
LAND COMMISSIONERS
P.O. BOX 201601
HELENA, MT 59620-1601

APPLICANT:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL: _____

Application is hereby made by the undersigned to the Montana State Board of Land Commissioners for an oil and gas lease in a form to be determined by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation under the provisions of Title 77, Chapter 3, Part 4 of the Montana Code Annotated and the Department's administrative rules found in ARM 36.25.201, et seq., encompassing the following described state lands:

containing _____ acres, more or less in _____ County.

A non-refundable application fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars is remitted with this application. The Applicant recognizes and agrees that this offer to lease the above-described lands hereby reflects whatever terms, conditions, and lease stipulations which may be required in the sole discretion of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Unless the Department receives the Applicant's written withdrawal or rejection of the lease prior to the time when the second notice of the sale is sent to the publisher, the Applicant represents that this application is a bid therefore in the amount of the minimum required first year's rental. The Department will accept a facsimile transmission as a written rejection. If successful in bidding for the lease, the Applicant agrees to submit to the Department within ten days after the lease sale, the minimum required first year's rental in addition to the bonus bid, if any, payable for the lease.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Applicant's Signature

Address (if different than above)

APPLICATION EXAMPLE

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FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA

TO: THE MONTANA STATE BOARD OF
LAND COMMISSIONERS
P.O. BOX 201601
HELENA, MT 59620-1601

APPLICANT: Applicant or Company Name

ADDRESS: Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

EMAIL: email address

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Township 35 North, Range 25 East

Section 16: All

containing 640.00 acres, more or less in Blaine County.

A non-refundable application fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars is remitted with this application. The Applicant recognizes and agrees that this offer to lease the above-described lands hereby reflects whatever terms, conditions, and lease stipulations which may be required in the sole discretion of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Unless the Department receives the Applicant's written withdrawal or rejection of the lease prior to the time when the second notice of the sale is sent to the publisher, the Applicant represents that this application is a bid therefore in the amount of the minimum required first year's rental. The Department will accept a facsimile transmission as a written rejection. If successful in bidding for the lease, the Applicant agrees to submit to the Department within ten days after the lease sale, the minimum required first year's rental in addition to the bonus bid, if any, payable for the lease.

Dated this Day day of Month, 20 19 .

Applicant's Signature

Address (if different than above)

Agent for applicant, if any

Only if different than above address