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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE AUCTION

Part 5, Department of Natural Resources General Powers and Duties, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA)

February 12, 2020

Whitewater Township Supervisor
PO Box 159
Williamsburg, Michigan 49690

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Proposed May 4, 2020, Oil and Gas Lease Auction

Enclosed is a Public Notice (Notice) which recently appeared in the county newspapers, and a list of the parcels in your township that are affected by the said Notice.

The Notice is to inform the public of a proposed State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction, and to allow for public review of the classifications of descriptions proposed to be offered for lease. The parcels have been classified for oil and gas leasing under one of the following categories:

- *Leasable Development* – Leasable mineral rights on which some level of surface use may be allowed in compliance with standard oil and gas lease terms, but, without any additional specific restrictions.
- *Leasable Development with Restriction* – Leasable mineral rights on which some level of surface use may be allowed in compliance with standard oil and gas lease terms and with additional specific restrictions due to environmental or other surface feature conditions.
- *Leasable Nondevelopment* – Leasable mineral rights with no surface use or disturbance is authorized without separate approval.
- *Nonleasable* – Lands that will not be leased for oil and gas mineral exploration, development, or production.

The procedures for public comment are shown in the third paragraph of the Notice. Please keep the Notice and parcel list available for review by interested parties until *April 14, 2020*.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Ms. Kimberly Venne, Property Specialist, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Minerals Management Section at 517-284-5912; vennek@michigan.gov; or by mail at DNR, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Lease Management Unit
Minerals Management Section
Finance and Operations Division

Enclosures

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE-OWNED
OIL AND GAS RIGHTS
TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE AUCTION**

Lands under consideration for oil and gas leasing include acreage in the following counties: **ANTRIM, BAY, CLARE, GLADWIN, GRAND TRAVERSE, IOSCO, KALKASKA, LAKE, MIDLAND, MISSAUKEE, AND OCEANA**

On May 4, 2020 the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** will offer, at an oral-bid public auction, approximately 15,000 acres of state-owned oil and gas lease rights in those Michigan counties indicated herein. More detailed information regarding location of the nominated parcels is available at www.michigan.gov/minerals, under *Maps*, select *Mineral Lease Nomination Maps*; or by calling 517-284-5912.

Written comments from interested parties relative to the classification of any description must be received by **Office of Minerals Management (OMM)** at the address specified herein **NO LATER THAN April 14, 2020**. Final approval of proposed classification will be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the DNR.

Registration of bidders will begin at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2020, and continue throughout the auction. Registration will be at the **Lansing Center**, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI. Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders will be required to submit a valid government-issued photo identification (ID) which may be retained by DNR staff until bidder cards are returned and all successful bids are paid in full. In addition, if the bidder is not on the authorized bidder list, they will be required to submit a security deposit in order to register. The security deposit must be a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$5,000 made payable to "State of Michigan." The security deposit will be returned to the registered bidder after their bidder card is returned and all successful bids are paid in full. **Prospective bidders can contact Ms. Kimberly Venne at 517-284-5912 or vennek@michigan.gov prior to the auction to confirm they are on the authorized bidder list.** (In order to be placed on the authorized bidder list, the individual must have been a successful bidder at a previous State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction; not have an outstanding balance owed; and not be on the DNR Hold Action List.)

Offering of lease rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of \$10 per acre and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally, at the auction's end and at the option of the DNR, parcels for which no bids are received may be re-offered at a minimum bid of \$2 per acre.

The total bonus must be paid at the time of check out for all lease rights which receive successful bids. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the DNR through prior leasing of state-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with OMM three letters of reference, acceptable to the DNR, one of which must be a bank. In no instance will the DNR accept "site drafts," even if noted as a "zero-day site draft."

An auction catalog showing the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered and parcel classifications will be available after April 16, 2020, at www.michigan.gov/minerals, select *Oil and Gas*; or by contacting staff at DNR-OMM, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909; DNR-Minerals@Michigan.gov; or 517-284-5912.



Classification Details

Oil and Gas Mineral Lease Auction

Nominated Between 11/04/2019 and 12/09/2019
Grand Traverse County - Whitewater Township

County Name	Twn	Rnge	Sec	QQ	Q	Acres	Parcel I	Date	Class	Reasons	Stipulations
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	NE	NW	40	107602	01/30/2020	LDR	N/A	49 - Best Management Practices
NE1/4 NW1/4											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	NW	NW	40	107603	01/30/2020	LDR	N/A	15 - Limited Surface Disturbance-O 49 - Best Management Practices
NW1/4 NW1/4											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	SW	NW	3.18	107605	02/07/2020	LND	5 - LND - Public Facilities 16 - LND - Building/Surfaces uses	19 - Recreational Trails 70 - Best Management Practices-O
Part of SW1/4 NW1/4 com at W 1/4 cor of sec. th S 00d53'23" W alg W sec. ln 225.33 ft th N 62d50'10" E 511.98 ft to E/W 1/4 ln and pob, th N 62d50'10" E to W 1/8 ln th S alg sd 1/8 ln 373.32 ft, th S62d50'10" W to E/W 1/4 ln, th W alg sd 1/4 ln to pob.											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	SW	NW	36.82	107606	02/07/2020	LND	N/A	N/A
SW1/4 NW1/4 except commencing at W 1/4 corner of section th S 00d53'23" W along W section line 225.33 feet th N 62d50'10" E 511.98 feet to E/W 1/4 line and pob, th N 62d50'10" E to W 1/8 line th S along said 1/8 line 373.32 feet, th S 62d50'10" W to E/W 1/4 line, th W along said 1/4 line to pob											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	SE	NW	11.93	107608	02/07/2020	LND	16 - LND - Building/Surfaces uses	N/A
Part of SE1/4 NW1/4 com at N 1/4 cor of sd sec. th S 00d42'46" W alg N/S 1/4 ln 1430.05 ft to pob, th S 62d50'10" W to W 1/8 ln, th S alg sd 1/8 ln 373.32 ft, th N 62d50'10" E to N/S 1/4 ln, th N alg sd 1/4 ln to pob.											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	SE	NW	28.07	107609	02/07/2020	LND	5 - Public Facilities	N/A
SE1/4 NW1/4 exc com at N 1/4 cor of sd sec. th S 00d42'46" W alg N/S 1/4 ln 1430.05 ft to pob, th S 62d50'10" W to W 1/8 ln, th S alg sd 1/8 ln 373.32 ft, th N 62d50'10" E to N/S 1/4 ln, th N alg sd 1/4 ln to pob.											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	NE	SW	40	107610	02/07/2020	LND	5 - LND - Public Facilities 6 - LND - Ecologically Sensitive Areas	N/A
NE1/4 SW1/4											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	NW	SW	7.57	107612	02/07/2020	LND	5 - LND - Public Facilities 16 - LND - Building/Surfaces uses	N/A
Part of NW1/4 SW1/4 commencing at W1/4 corner of said section, thence S 00d53'23" W along W section line 225.33 feet to POB, N 62d50'10" E 511.98 feet to N/S 1/4 line, thence E along said 1/4 line 742.50 feet, thence S 62d50'10" W 1369.50 feet to W section line, thence N along said section line to POB											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	NW	SW	32.43	107613	02/07/2020	LND	8 - Critical Habitat	N/A
NW1/4 SW1/4 except commencing at W1/4 corner of said section th S 00d53'23" W along W section line 225.33 feet to pob, N 62d50'10" E 511.98 feet to N/S 1/4 line, th E along said 1/4 line 742.50 feet, th S 62d50'10" W 1369.50 feet to W section line, th N along said section line to pob											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	SW	SW	40	107614	01/30/2020	LND	6 - Ecologically Sensitive Areas 12 - Inland Lake or Stream bottomland	N/A
SW1/4 SW1/4											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	13	SE	SW	40	107615	01/30/2020	LND	6 - Ecologically Sensitive Areas 12 - Inland Lake or Stream bottomland	N/A
SE1/4 SW1/4											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	14	NE	SE	11.74	107633	02/07/2020	LND	16 - LND - Building/Surfaces uses	N/A
Part of NE1/4 SE1/4 commencing at S 1/4 corner of section thence N 00d28'50" E along N/S 1/4 line 658.32 feet, thence N 62d50'10" E 1485 feet to pob, N 00d28'50" E along E 1/8 line 380 feet, N 62d50'10" E 1485 feet to E section line, S 00d53'23" W along E section line 373.93 feet, S 62d50'10" W 1485 feet to pob											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	14	NE	SE	28.26	107634	02/07/2020	LND	5 - Public Facilities	N/A
NE1/4 SE1/4 except commencing at S1/4 corner of section thence N 00d section thence N 00d28'50" E alg N/S 1/4 line 658.32 ft, th N 62d50'10" E 1485 ft to pob, N 00d28'50" E alg E 1/8 line 380 ft, N 62d50'10" E 1485 ft to E section line, S 00d53'23" W alg E section 373.93 ft S 62d50'10" W 1485 ft to pob											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	14	NW	SE	3.18	107636	02/07/2020	LND	16 - LND - Building/Surfaces uses	N/A
Part of NW1/4 SE1/4 commencing at S 1/4 corner of section thence N 00d28'50" E along N/S 1/4 line 990 feet, thence N 62d50'10" E 660 feet to S 1/8 line and pob, thence N 62d50'10" E 825 feet to E 1/8 line, S along said 1/8 line 372.53 feet to S 1/8 line, W along said 1/8 line to pob											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	14	NW	SE	36.82	107637	02/07/2020	LND	5 - Public Facilities	N/A
NW1/4 SE1/4 except commencing at S 1/4 corner of section thence N 00d28'50" E along N/S 1/4 line 990 feet, thence N 62d50'10" E 660 feet to S 1/8 line and pob, thence N 62d50'10" E 825 feet to E 1/8 line, S along said 1/8 line 372.53 feet to S 1/8 line, W along said 1/8 line to pob											

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GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	14	SW	SE	8.6	107639	02/07/2020	LND	16 - LND - Building/Surfaces uses	N/A
Part of SW1/4 SE1/4 commencing at S 1/4 corner of said section thence N 00d28'50" E along N/S 1/4 line 658.32 feet to pob, N 00d28'50" E along N/S 1/4 line 372.53 feet, N 62d50'10" E 660 feet to S 1/8 line, E along said 1/8 line 683 feet, S 62d50'10" W 1485 feet to pob											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	14	SW	SE	31.4	107640	02/07/2020	LND	5 - Public Facilities	N/A
SW1/4 SE1/4 except commencing at S 1/4 corner of said section thence N 00d28'50" E along N/S 1/4 line 658.32 feet to pob, N 00d28'50" E along N/S 1/4 line 372.53 feet, N 62d50'10" E 660 feet, to S 1/8 line E along said 1/8 line 683 feet S 62 d50'10" W 1485 feet to pob											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	14	SE	SE	40	107641	01/30/2020	LND	6 - Ecologically Sensitive Areas 16 - Building/Surfaces uses	N/A
SE1/4 SE1/4											
GRAND TRAVE	27N	09W	23	NW	NE	40	107755	01/30/2020	LND	6 - Ecologically Sensitive Areas	N/A
NW1/4 NE1/4											