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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW59809,**

**Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As provided for under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of noncompetitive oil and gas lease WYW59809 from Devon Energy Production Co. LP et al. for land in Converse County, Wyoming. The lessee filed the petition on time, along with all rentals due since the lease terminated under the law. No leases affecting this land were issued before the petition was filed.

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Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Hite during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. A reply will be sent during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Termination of a lease is automatic and statutorily imposed by Congress when rental fees are not paid in a timely manner.

Similarly, reinstatement terms are also set by Congress upon submission of a petition for reinstatement from a lessee. Rental was not paid on time for noncompetitive oil and gas lease WYW59809, prompting lease termination by operation of law. As provided for under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the BLM received a petition for reinstatement from the lessee of record, Devon Energy Production Co. LP et al. for land in Converse County, Wyoming. The lessee filed the petition on time along with all rentals due since the leases terminated under operation of law. The lease will be reinstated 30 days after publication of the proposed reinstatement notice in the *Federal Register*.

The lessee agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16-2/3 percent, respectively and additional lease stipulations. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and the \$159 cost of publishing this notice. The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188).

Reinstatement of this lease conforms to the terms and conditions of all applicable land use plans, including the 2015 Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Rocky Mountain Region, and other applicable National Environmental Policy Act documents. The BLM proposes to reinstate the lease effective August 1, 2015, under the amended terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 188 (e)(4) and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (b)(2)(v)

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