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INDEPENDENT OIL and GAS PRODUCERS  
in New Mexico.**

# The Feds Declare War On Oil & Gas



Jan. 21, 2021

## Biden Halts Leasing & Permitting for 60-Days



IPANM (**Jan. 21, 2021**) – On the second day of the Biden administration, the Interior Department has issued a temporary order that takes leasing & permitting decisions away from local BLM offices across the country. The move effectively halts all leasing and permitting on federal lands, which adversely impact operators in New Mexico.

Per a news release on the BLM's website:

"The Interior Department has issued a [Secretarial Order](#) that temporarily elevates review of relevant agency decisions, including final agency actions, regulatory actions, and energy development. During the 60-day window that the Order may be in effect, decision-making over these matters will be reserved for Department leadership for the purposes of reviewing questions of fact, law, and policy they raise."

By forcing local BLM offices and bureaus to await any decisions from the Biden Administration on federal leases, it is clear the 60-day halt is a suspension of new leasing and drilling permits on federal lands in New Mexico.

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Federal Lands



(IPANM & Platts) Jan. 27, 2021 – President Joe Biden implemented moratorium on new oil and gas leases on federal lands and water through an executive order on Jan. 27 that is expected to have a longer-term impact on US production.

The moratorium represents a pause on new oil and gas leasing “to the extent possible” and also initiates a new review of existing fossil fuel leasing and permitting practices.

“We’re going to review and reset the oil and gas leasing program,” Biden said at the signing ceremony, citing the need to preserve

public lands.

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United States Department of the Interior  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

March 19, 2021

To: Bureau Directors (BLM, OSMRE, BSEE, BOEM)  
From: Laura Daniel-Davis, Laura Daniel-Davis  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Davis  
Land and Minerals Management  
Subject: Confirmation of Matters for ASLM Review

I appreciate your work over the last 50+ days coordinating implementation of Secretary's Order (S.O.) 3395, and moving forward with us to take a science-based, all of government approach to addressing climate change, conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030, and meeting our trust obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

S.O. 3395, which temporarily elevated specific categories of matters for Departmental review,

IPANM (March 19, 2020) – So now that President Biden's 60-Day Freeze on all federal activities has ended, what next? Well, for starters, the President did initiate an indefinite moratorium on new oil and gas lease sales on federal lands back on Jan 27, which canceled scheduled lease sales in March and April onshore and in the Gulf of Mexico, while a more thorough review of the federal leasing program is conducted.

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IPANM & The Hill (Mar. 25, 2021) – The deck was stacked against the Oil & Gas industry as the Department of the Interior hosted a National Forum to consider input from entities to a new federal regulatory policy on oil & gas development in the United States. IPANM reported on the forum as part of our [March 24, 2021 Federal Update](#). As noted by IPANM, the [list of participants](#) included only two representatives from the oil & gas industry. IPANM requested

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## Q2 Oil & Gas Lease Sales Cancelled!

### STATEMENT ON SECOND QUARTER OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES

The Interior Department's ongoing review of the federal oil and gas program is assessing compliance with applicable laws and, as directed by Executive Order 14008, reviewing whether the current leasing process provides taxpayers with a fair return.

Based on our ongoing review, the Bureau of Land Management is exercising its discretion to not hold lease sales in the 2nd quarter of Calendar Year 2021. This decision does not impact existing operations or permits for valid, existing leases, which continue to be reviewed and approved. The BLM remains committed to managing our programs in a way that restores balance on public lands, creates jobs, and provides a path to align the management of America's public lands with our nation's climate, conservation, and clean energy priorities.

#### Background

On January 27, 2020, President Biden issued Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crises at Home and Abroad (E.O. 14008). Section 208 of E.O. 14008 mandates that "the Secretary of the Interior shall pause new oil and natural gas leases on public lands . . . pending completion of a comprehensive review and reconsideration of Federal oil and gas permitting and leasing practices in light of [her] broad stewardship

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#### RELEASE DATE

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

#### ORGANIZATION

Bureau of Land Management

#### CONTACTS

Email: [BLM\\_Press@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_Press@blm.gov)



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## IPANM News Releases & Public Statements

### IPANM Releases Statement on Leasing Moratorium



IPANM (Jan. 27, 2021) – – The following statement has been released by Jim Winchester, Executive Director of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico:

*The Biden administration continues to attack the hardworking oil & gas producers, drillers and field workers of the United States. These actions particularly hit New Mexico harder than other oil & gas producing states due to our high percentage of federal lands and mineral rights.*

*With the stroke of a pen, New Mexico will now lose thousands of jobs, and millions of dollars in leasing of federal acreage. Federal permits to drill, sundries, and rights-of-way are all on hold with an uncertain future. Our oil and gas producers report that these orders are the equivalent of dropping a bomb on their operations.*

*The clear winners of these actions? Foreign oil producing countries. Americans still want to fly and drive. While the demand for fossil fuels will remain unchanged, the supply will have to come from foreign adversaries. The Biden administration has just empowered countries most hostile to the United States.*

*The clear losers? In addition to hardworking Americans, the environment. Domestic oil & gas production ensures environmental protections, whereas foreign actors, including Russia and China, have far fewer regulations in place. The Biden administration has just accelerated climate change.*

### IPANM Calls on DOI to End Leasing Moratorium



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Last Thursday, IPANM submitted comments to the Department of the Interior calling for end of the current federal leasing moratorium that is already impacting drilling activity in New Mexico.

In the comment letter, IPANM Executive Director Jim Winchester writes that the initial 60-day halt of all permitting activity and the ongoing 1-year federal leasing moratorium is **the cause of economic distress that has slowed industry recovery while keeping workers**

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IPANM’s letter provides significant evidence to the DOI that **“moratoriums lead to significant state job losses, domestic insecurity, increased environmental damage, more bureaucratic delays, and undermine fundamental multiuse land principles.”**

Please take a moment to review IPANM’s submitted comments by clicking on the link below.

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## Public Comments To U.S. Department of the Interior



P.O. Box 6101  
Roswell, NM 88202  
(575) 622-2566

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Attn: Secretary Deb Haaland  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20240  
[energyreview@ios.doi.gov](mailto:energyreview@ios.doi.gov) (e-mail submittal)

Thursday, April 15, 2021

**RE: Executive Order 14008 &  
Response to the March 25, 2021**

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## House Committee on Natural Resources



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**Moratoriums/Cancelled Lease Sales  
Impacted New Mexico**

**Delays**

**Investment**

**Rig Counts**

**Moratoriums will impact New Mexico in the FUTURE**

**Jobs**

**Domestic Security**

**Environment**

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# **Oil & Natural Gas Revenues To NM**

**32% Of Total State Budget  
(\$2.8 Billion in 2020)**

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# **Oil & Natural Gas Revenues To NM**

**54% Comes From Federal Land  
(\$1.5 Billion in 2020)**

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## **Domestic Security**

**57% of ALL Onshore Federal  
Production Comes from NM**

# Lease Sales



## Interior Department Issues Statement on Oil and Gas Leasing Program

8/16/2021

Last edited 8/26/2021

Date: Monday, August 16, 2021  
Contact: [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)

**WASHINGTON** — Please see below for a statement from the Department of the Interior:

“The Department of the Interior (Interior) confirmed today that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has appealed the preliminary injunction entered by the district court in *Louisiana v. Biden*, which enjoined Interior from implementing the pause in new federal oil and gas leasing as set forth in Section 208 of Executive Order 14008. DOJ is appealing that decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas leasing will continue as required by the district court while the appeal is pending.”

### FEDERAL LANDS AND WATERS NEWS

## Interior Announces New Lease Sales, But Uncertainty Remains



Federal natural gas and oil lease sales have finally been [scheduled](#), but for onshore sales overseen by the Bureau of Land Management uncertainty still remains and no sales – not even those previously scheduled with completed environmental reviews, public comment and protest periods – will take place this year.

The Biden administration implemented a moratorium on federal leasing in January, a policy that a federal judge ruled as an illegal ban in June. After more than two months of slow walking its compliance of the ruling, Interior stated last month it would resume leasing, but only while appealing that court ruling, while also continuing to withhold its review of the leasing program.



# Permits



**REGISTRATION**  
Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**018** **APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER**

**REGULATORY**  **REGULATORY - COMPLETION**

1. Type of Well:  **NEW WELL**,  **RE-ENTRY**,  **RE-ENTRY - COMPLETION**

2. Well ID# \_\_\_\_\_

3. Well Name \_\_\_\_\_

4. Well Type:  **PRODUCING**,  **NON-PRODUCING**

5. Well Status:  **NEW**,  **RE-ENTRY**,  **RE-ENTRY - COMPLETION**

6. Well Location:  **Onshore**,  **Offshore**

7. Well Depth: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Well Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Well Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Well Completion Method: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Well Completion Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Well Completion Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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**15. ADDRESSES**

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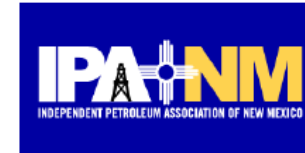
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# Rights of Way



## BLM Right of Ways Summary Update June 16, 2021



IPANM spoke with BLM Headquarters earlier this week to get a status update on our efforts to change the BLM Farmington Field Office's new enforcement of Right Of Way financial assurance bonds on federal lands.

Our conversation required further education of the BLM Headquarters on defining the problems operators are experiencing with the new enforcement, per this [Instruction Memorandum \(IM\)](#).

Our DC contact, Matt Flynn, who works as an attorney above the BLM, has been pushing for changes to the current policy to apply bonds and bonding levels only to new right of ways off-lease.

IPANM explained that BLM statewide offices are pushing for new bonding not only on new right of ways, but also renewals, expired ROW's, or transfers from one company to another.

# Texas Hornshell Mussell



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Roswell, NM 88202  
(575) 622-2566

**Attention: FWS-R2-ES-2018-0021**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
MS: BPHC  
5275 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

**Mr. Chuck Ardizzone**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office  
17629 El Camino Real #211  
Houston, TX 77058

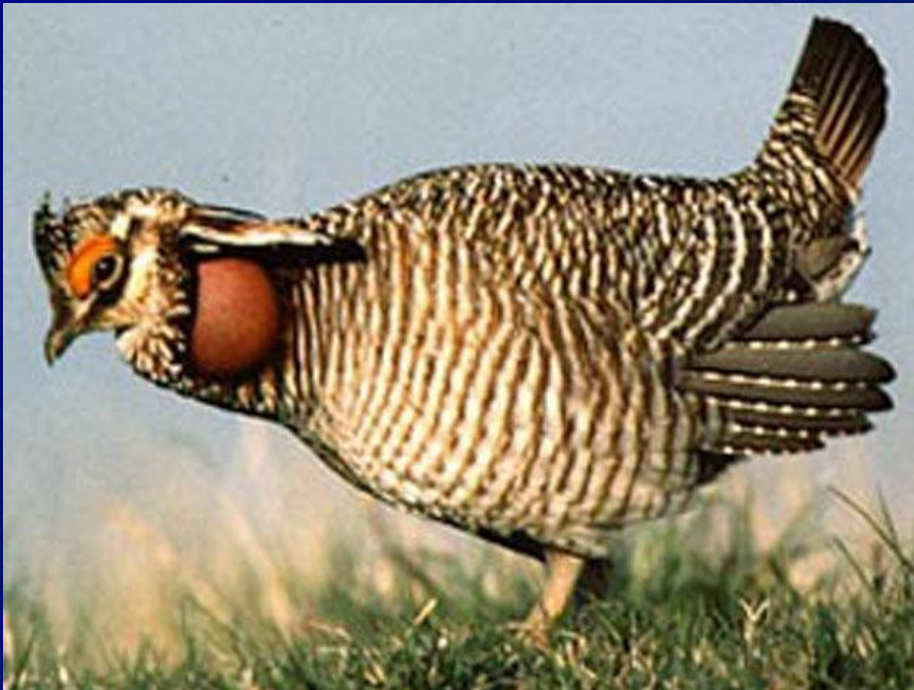
**Re: Comments on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Proposed Rule to Designate Critical Habitat for the Texas Hornshell**

Dear Mr. Ardizzone:

The Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico (IPANM) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule to designate critical habitat for the Texas hornshell (*Popenaias poppeii*), a freshwater mussel found in New Mexico and Texas. We have significant concerns as detailed below. While IPANM has a history of supporting conservation programs that conserve, protect, and enhance species and their habitat, which support the mission of the FWS; IPANM does not support the policy as proposed. The Associations request that the Service withdraw and revise the policy.

IPANM was formed in 1978 to preserve and advance the interests of independent oil and gas

# Lesser Prairie Chicken



August 31, 2021

**Attention: FWS-R2-ES-2021-0015**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
MS: PRB/3W  
5275 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

**Ms. Debra Bills**  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Arlington Ecological Services Field Office  
2005NE Green Oaks Blvd., Suite 140  
Arlington, TX 76006

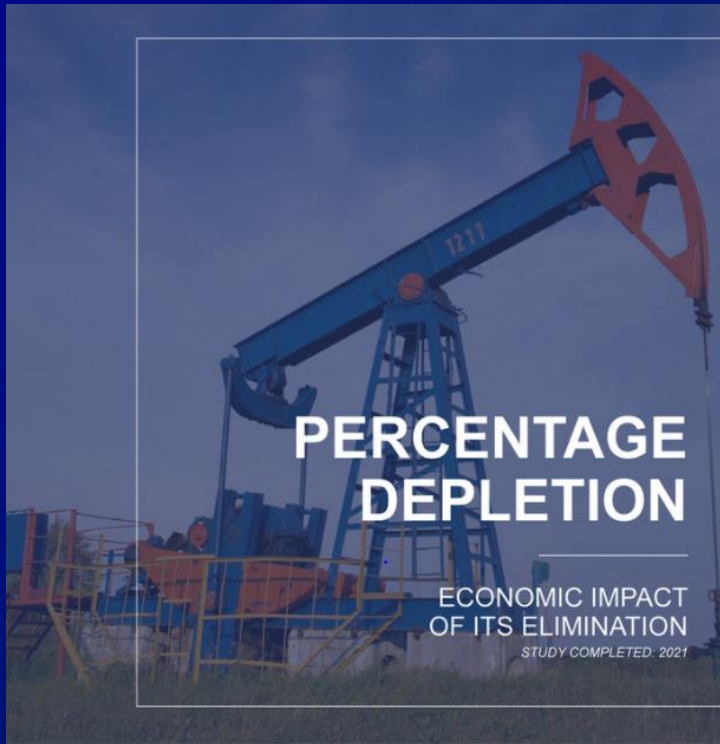
*Submitted via Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>*

**Re: Comments on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Proposed Listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken**

Dear Ms. Bills:

The Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico (IPANM) appreciates the opportunity to

# Depletion Percentage



## PERCENTAGE DEPLETION

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ITS ELIMINATION  
STUDY COMPLETED: 2021



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## NEW MEXICO

Over the decade projected (2021-2035), if percentage depletion is eliminated...

### JOB LOST



**3,160** AVERAGE JOBS LOST EACH YEAR over fifteen years

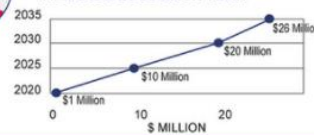
2022	2025	2030	2035
1,703	3,179	3,787	4,126

\*includes direct & indirect employment totals

### STATE REVENUE LOST



**\$14 MILLION** AVERAGE LOSS EACH YEAR

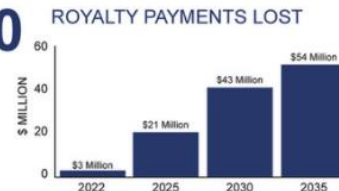


### ROYALTY OWNERS



**242,250** ROYALTY OWNERS IN NEW MEXICO

**\$30 MILLION LOST** ON AVERAGE EACH YEAR IN ROYALTY PAYMENTS



## #4

largest state impacted from the elimination of the percentage depletion allowance due to the state's large base of stripper wells

### PRODUCTION

**25,725**

barrels of oil equivalent reduction per day over 15-year forecast period

### STRIPPER WELLS

**2,660**

producing stripper wells lost each year for the 15-year forecast period

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS

### PLATINUM



### GOLD



### SILVER



### BRONZE



# Chaco Canyon

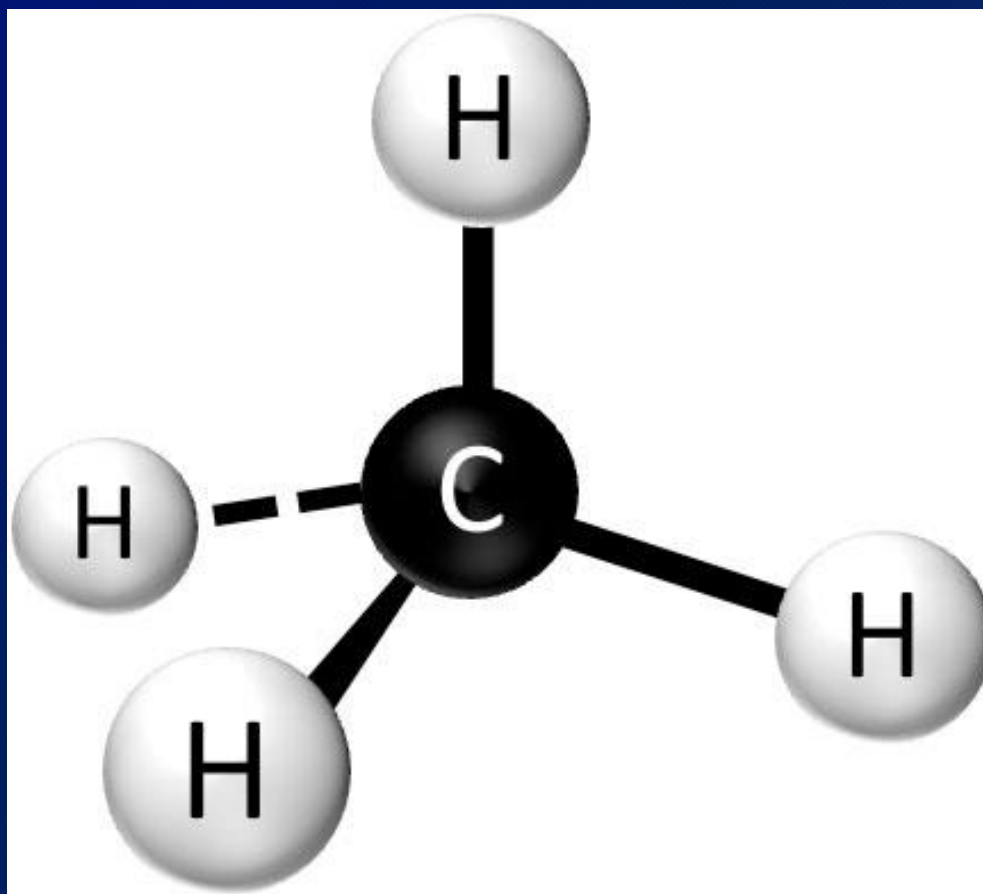


## Chaco Canyon Setback Drilling Moratorium Passes House Committee

IPANM (Setbacks) – The Democrat-controlled U.S. House Natural Resources Committee passed Resolution 2181 today following a visit in June to

[Read more.](#)

# Methane



**Annual  
Meeting**



**A HUGE Thank You  
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**\$97,300 RAISED!**

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