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Changes to "Call Before You Dig"

Article by; Brian Chavez

As our members in Ohio should be aware, the law requires all persons planning an excavation project must notify local utilities at least 48 hours in advance of the project. In the past, there have been a lot of issues with people contacting Ohio 811 and not realizing they needed to also contact Ohio Gas Producers Underground Protection Service (OGPUPS) as well. OGPUPS primarily covered line locate requests for the oil and natural gas pipelines of producers while Ohio 811 primarily covered the traditional utilities such as water, electric, sewer, etc.

Beginning in November, Ohio 811, also known as Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS), and OGPUPS will merge into a truly "one call" system to be called prior to excavation work in Ohio. November 30th will be the final day OGPUPS will take calls and all calls will be handled by the Ohio 811 system. Certified letters and information packets containing details should have been received by all OGPUPS members. Some key points to note: the fee for the first year in the 811 system will be the same rate as OGPUPS members currently pay (\$300). Subsequent fees will be determined on the call volume associated with each member. The majority of members will be considered in the low call volume category and will likely have a yearly fee of \$75. To ensure producers are not receiving excess calls, the Ohio 811 system uses a polygon mapping system that the user defines. In other words the producer can draw a pipeline on a map and define a window on either side of that pipeline to be notified of work. Notification would only be sent if there is work occurring in that specific area instead of being notified if work is occurring anywhere within a defined section or township.

Additional information, services, and training can be found in the packets mailed to OGPUPS members, or by visiting the OUPS website

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The past two months have been busy for SOOGA. In September we had our Annual Fall Trade Show. Special thanks to all our vendors, speakers, and sponsors for this event. This event would not be possible without our hard working SOOGA board. This is an amazing group of volunteers who work hard for our industry and organization. This year's event was a big success and it was great to see many of our members attend the event throughout the day.



In October, we also had our Fall Clay Shoot at Hilltop Sports, with 101 shooters participating in the event which to date has been our biggest shoot yet. Again, the weather was a perfect fall day, and everyone had an enjoyable time. Special thanks to BD Oil Gathering for providing the BBQ lunch for this event! Pictures and winners will be featured in the next Insider edition.

Our last scheduled event of this year will be our upcoming SOOGA Tax Seminar by Arnett Carbis Toothman. This is a great opportunity for business owners, accountants and office staff to learn more about changes in various federal, state and local taxes, as well as how oil & gas companies and investors can maximize tax and economic benefits. This year will include a discussion on new tax laws and the Marginal Well Credit. This seminar will be held on November 8th at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta Ohio. SOOGA is providing this opportunity to all its members and employees at a minimum cost of \$75/person. If you haven't already RSVP's for this event, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you again to all our SOOGA members and for your continued support for our organization.

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Gas Committee Report
October, 2018**

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Prices October 9, 2018

NYMEX Settle – October -2018	\$3.02
One Year NYMEX strip (Nov., 2018 – Oct., 2019)	\$2.95
Summer NYMEX strip for 2019 (April-October, 2019)	\$2.74
Winter NYMEX strip – 2019 (Nov., 2018 – Mar. 2019)	\$3.12
TCO Index Posting – October, 2018	\$2.73
DTI Index Posting – October, 2018	\$2.43

Working gas in underground storage, Lower 48 states

Region	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				Historical Comparisons			
	09/28/18	09/21/18	net change	implied flow	Year ago (09/28/17)		5-year average (2013-17)	
					Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
East	763	729	34	34	859	11.2	848	10.0
Midwest	836	800	36	36	985	15.1	973	14.1
Mountain	177	173	4	4	220	19.5	206	14.1
Pacific	262	259	3	3	310	15.5	335	21.8
South Central	829	807	22	22	1,127	26.4	1,111	25.4
Salt	181	173	8	8	301	39.9	288	37.2
Nonsalt	648	634	14	14	827	21.6	823	21.3
Total	2,866	2,768	98	98	3,502	18.2	3,473	17.5

Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

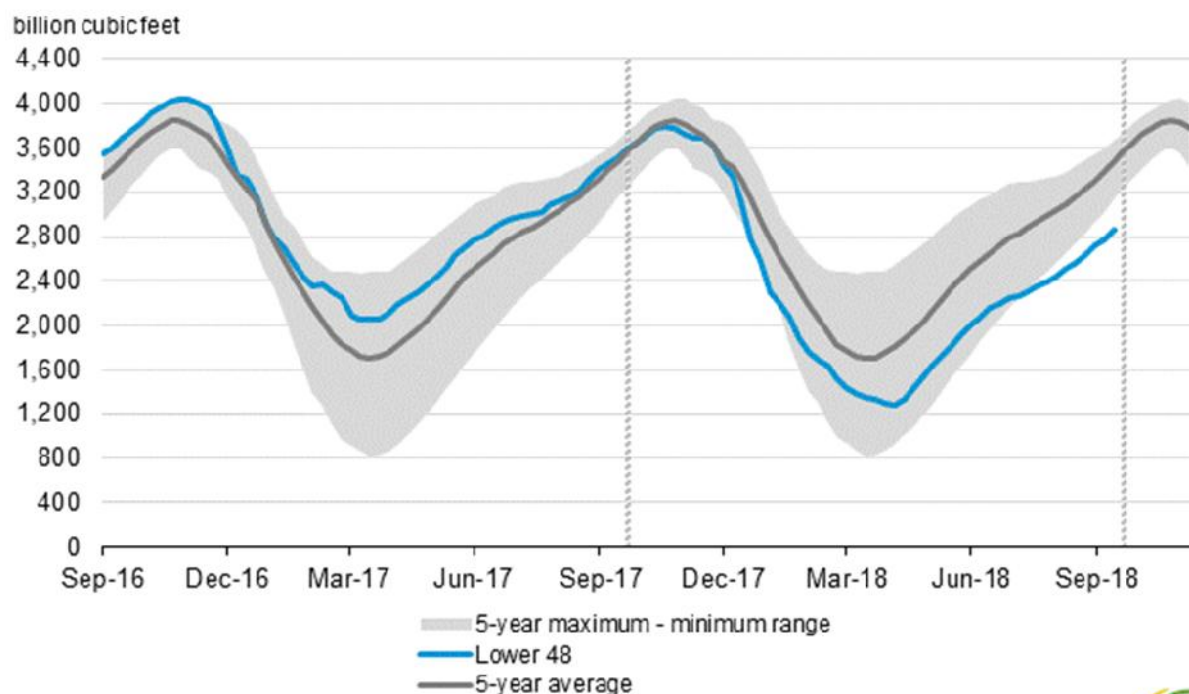
Summary

Working gas in storage was 2,866 Bcf as of Friday, September 28, 2018, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 98 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 636 Bcf less than last year at this time and 607 Bcf below the five-year average of 3,473 Bcf. At 2,866 Bcf, total working gas is below the five-year historical range.

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Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

**EIA WEEKLY REPORT OCTOBER 4, 2018:****Natural Gas**

Northeast prices increase. At the Algonquin Citygate, which serves Boston-area consumers, prices went up 37¢ from \$3.23/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$3.60/MMBtu yesterday. At the Transcontinental Pipeline Zone 6 trading point for New York City, prices increased 44¢ from \$2.85/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$3.29/MMBtu yesterday.

Tennessee Zone 4 Marcellus spot prices increased 22¢ from \$1.70/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$1.92/MMBtu yesterday. Prices at Dominion South in southwest Pennsylvania fell 7¢ from \$2.16/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.09/MMBtu yesterday, reaching a weekly low of \$1.21/MMBtu on Monday. Tennessee Gas Pipeline, which transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico to the Northeast, issued a *Force Majeure* on October 2 for an *Emergent Repair at Station 317* near Troy, Pennsylvania. An estimated 0.15 Bcf of natural gas could be affected, and the estimated in-service date is October 19.

The national benchmark average spot price increases for the third straight week. This report week (Wednesday, September 26 to Wednesday, October 3), Henry Hub spot prices rose 13¢ from \$3.13/MMBtu last Wednesday to its weekly high of \$3.26/MMBtu yesterday. This report week marks the third straight week of price increases; during this time, Henry Hub spot prices have risen 11%.

Henry Hub and spot prices increased with forecasts of cooler weather across the Great Plains and low storage inventories in the Lower 48 states. At the Chicago Citygate, prices increased 29¢ from \$2.89/MMBtu last Wednesday to its weekly high of \$3.18/MMBtu yesterday. Prices at PG&E Citygate in Northern California rose 22¢, up from \$3.28/MMBtu last Wednesday to its weekly high of \$3.50/MMBtu yesterday. Prices at SoCal Citygate increased 72¢ from \$3.70/MMBtu last Wednesday to its weekly high of \$4.42/MMBtu yesterday.

Nymex futures increase. At the Nymex, the October 2018 contract expired last Wednesday at \$3.021/MMBtu. The November 2018 contract increased to \$3.230/MMBtu, up 25¢ from last Wednesday to yesterday. The price of the 12-month strip averaging November 2018 through October 2019 futures contracts climbed 12¢ to \$2.931/MMBtu.

Supply remains flat. According to data from PointLogic Energy, the average total supply of natural gas remained the same as in the previous report week, averaging 89.3 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d). Dry natural gas production remained constant week over week. Average net imports from Canada increased by 5% from last week.

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Overall demand decreases with lower power generation. Total U.S. consumption of natural gas fell by 1% compared with the previous report week, according to data from PointLogic Energy. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 6% week over week. Industrial sector consumption increased by 1% week over week. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption increased by 12% with mixed regional heating and cooling demand. Temperatures were close to normal across much of the Lower 48 states, but warmer than normal in the Southeast and Southwestern regions and cooler than normal across the Great Plains. Natural gas exports to Mexico were the same as last week, averaging 4.8 Bcf/d.

U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports decrease week over week. Four LNG vessels (all from the Sabine Pass liquefaction terminal) with a combined LNG-carrying capacity of 14.2 Bcf departed the United States from September 27 through October 3. One tanker (LNG-carrying capacity 3.8 Bcf) was loading at Sabine Pass on Wednesday. No LNG vessels departed from Cove Point last week because the facility is undergoing scheduled maintenance. The facility has not received any natural gas feed-stock pipeline deliveries since September 21.

Cheniere Energy, the operator of the Sabine Pass liquefaction terminal, has filed a [request](#) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to introduce refrigerants as part of the commissioning activities for Train 5. The [first LNG export cargo from Train 5](#) is expected before the end of this year.

Second Quarter – 2018 – Utica Production Volumes:

Second Quarter – 2018 – Utica Production Volumes:

During the second quarter of 2018, Ohio's horizontal shale well produced 4,488,104 barrels of oil and 554,306,916 Mcf (545 billion cubic feet) of natural gas, according to figures released today by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Natural gas production from the second quarter of 2018 showed a 42.25% increase over the second quarter of 2017, while oil production increased 10.98% for the same period.

The ODNR quarterly report lists 2,035 horizontal shale wells, 2,002 of which reported oil and natural gas production during the quarter. Of the wells reporting oil and natural gas results:

The average amount of oil produced was 2,242 barrels.

The average amount of natural gas produced was 276,877 Mcf.

The average number of second quarter days in production was 85.

As of September 29, 2018, there have been 2,892 Utica shale permits issued in Ohio, and 2,420 of them have been developed.

There are currently 1,969 Utica shale wells in production, with 18 rigs running.



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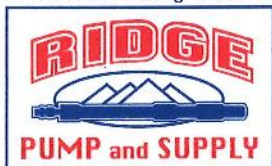
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OHIO SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LAND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENT

Article By: Timothy McKeen, Andrew Graham from Steptoe-Johnson PLLC

On September 25, 2018, the Supreme Court of Ohio issued its opinion which held that oil and gas land professionals must be licensed as real estate brokers in Ohio if they are engaged in obtaining oil and gas leases for other oil and gas development companies. In Dundies v. Eric Petroleum Corp., No. 2018-Ohio-3826 (Ohio Sept. 25, 2018), the Court affirmed an appeals court decision which held that oil and gas land professionals could not bring a suit against an oil and gas development company for compensation owed in acquiring oil and gas leases because such leases fall within the statutory definition of “real estate” as defined in O.R.C. 4735.01 and therefore, oil and gas land professionals must be licensed as real estate brokers, as provided for in O.R.C. 4735.01, before they can negotiate the acquisition of these leases.

In reaching its conclusion, the Court relied upon the statutory definitions of “real estate” and “real-estate-broker,” which the Court found to be clear and unambiguous. The Court determined that there was no basis in the statutory language for excluding oil and gas land professionals or oil and gas leases from the relevant definitions or from the reach of the licensing regime. As a result, the Court determined that the suit brought by the oil and gas land professionals had been properly dismissed because they were not licensed to perform such activities in Ohio.

From the Court’s perspective, it is for the Ohio General Assembly to consider the goals and intention of the licensing requirements and decide whether oil and gas land professionals should be exempted from such requirements since the General Assembly had created certain other exemptions from the otherwise broad reach of the licensing requirements, including exemptions for attorneys, bankruptcy trustees, and executors of wills.

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All Terrain Vehicle Safety

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First, similar with other types of equipment, only qualified workers should be permitted to operate ATVs. Unqualified riders are as much as 13 times more likely to be injured as compared to properly qualified operators. Training should also be a part of this licensing process as well, as this will help operators to identify potential hazards more effectively.

Related to this training, operators need to be aware of the operational limits of the ATVs they will ride. Never exceed an ATV's rated loading capacity, improvise a hitch or winch, or attempt to carry a passenger unless the ATV is specifically rated and equipped for these tasks. The area where an ATV will be operated should also be evaluated as well, to identify potential hazardous areas. While All Terrain Vehicles are designed to handle rough terrain and unpaved roads, there are limits to what they can handle. It may be necessary to limit speeds or reduce loads when the path you are planning on taking is especially uneven or soaked. Both of these conditions can impact your stability while operating an ATV, so they need to be accounted for.

Another topic that needs to be considered is PPE, especially helmets. A study of ATV-related deaths in West Virginia found that 65 percent of ATV deaths result from head and neck injuries and of these, three quarters of those killed were not wearing a helmet. DOT-approved helmets are vital for rider safety, and should never be skipped for any reason. In addition, appropriate boots, gloves, and goggles should also be worn while operating an ATV.

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 Inside FERC/TCO: \$2.670 (Basis: -\$0.225)
 NYMEX 3-day Average: \$2.876

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NYMEX Settlement: \$3.021
 Inside FERC/DTI: \$2.430 (Basis: -\$0.591)
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At the museum

Article by: Mike Thomas

The Oil, Gas and Industrial, Historical Assn, Inc. was founded 19 years ago by David L. McKain and Paul C. Hoblitzell, III. There was widespread interest in such an endeavor for many years, however, no one had actually put their feet forward to make it happen. The first big step was acquiring the old Smiths Hardware building on 3rd and Julianna St. Many donations from interested parties quickly filled the first floor and a museum had begun.

Subsequent years added more exhibits, a significant donation of oil and gas properties by the Wolfe Foundation and others, 5 acres and the historic Rathbone well at Burning Springs from George Grow. Thanks to the McDonough Foundation and others, more land was added, and upgrades made.

David McKain was passionate about his work with our colorful local history and trudged ahead with many accomplishments and further plans until his death in 2014. Due to his predominant public presence and hands on operating style, many have thought of the "Museum" as being somewhat of a hobby of David's only. However, the association is a stand-alone nonprofit entity with officers and a board of directors. The association is ongoing with goals of the future in mind.

The board of directors has recently approved a mission statement and objectives that identify our purpose and goals:

To honor and celebrate the rich history of West Virginia and the Mid-Ohio Valley oil and gas regions.

Objectives:

To preserve, maintain and present historical artifacts

To develop and maintain spaces that bring history alive in its natural environs

To present the social, economic and geopolitical forces that prompted the formation of the State of West Virginia

To tell the personal stories and preserve accounts of the way of life of the regions inhabitants of different social-economical classes, long gone, that are not here to speak for themselves

To utilize our resources to promote hospitality and tourism throughout our area

To share with local, county and regional historical societies

To promote pride and fellowship with respect to our historic heritage and communities

Many times, when people think of a museum, they only think of a presentation of documents and objects to portray history. However, we feel the museum should also be a place of hospitality, historical discussion, a clearing house of personal histories and a center of learning. Also, we feel the museum has a very important and needed place in our area's tourism industry.

The foremost site for tourist and hospitality type reviews, is Trip Advisor and is monitored for the public's perception of the Museum. Any comments visitors can submit are welcome. Positive comments for the museum, is that the place is packed full of stuff and there is so much more than just oil and gas history and you'd better allot a full afternoon. Negative, though constructive comments are the place is packed full of stuff and needs to be better described and presented. If you visit the museum, please give us a review, hopefully positive, but if there's a concern to make it better, please comment.

With those points taken, the museum has a need for volunteers to keep the museum and collections vibrant and more descriptive. We could use help by those with a working grasp of grammar and writing, those with a hands-on history of methods of the past for enhancing exhibits. One exciting modern option was introduced by the late Patrick Leggett. This is QR (Quick Response) technology for a couple of the exhibits that have greatly enhanced the scope of presentation. QR gives the patron an option of scanning the code into his or her smart phone and watching a video, such as posted on YouTube of subject of the exhibit. We have a need for those with video and presentation skills to make small videos about certain items to greatly expand understanding of the exhibits.

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Anju Singla joins ARG railroad sales team

Date: 9/24/2018

BRADFORD, Pa. – American Refining Group Inc. (ARG) announced lubricants industry veteran Anju Singla has joined its sales team as railroad sales specialist.

“Anju brings 8 years of lubricants sales experience and more than a decade on the research and development, technical side,” said ARG Railroad Business Manager David Tuttle, “so she is particularly prepared to help our customers with the expert solutions they need and have come to expect from ARG.”

Most recently, Singla served as sales representative for Soltex Inc. of Houston for its customers in the Midwest, East Coast and Canada. She also built significant sales and marketing experience with MidContinental Chemical in Kansas and International Petroleum Products & Additives Co. of California.

Singla began her 13-year career in research and development with Afton Chemical Corp. as an analytical chemist. Upon promotion to specialist, she began troubleshooting customer-specific challenges with gear oils, working closely with the sales team to understand the problem and communicate findings. She would ultimately achieve promotion to senior customer technical service representative at Afton.

ARG President and Chief Operating Officer Jeannine Schoenecker said, “We are excited to have Anju with us at ARG. Hers is a rare combination of sales, marketing and technical skills that will benefit ARG and our customers for years to come.

“David’s eventual retirement has been on our minds as the relationships he has cultivated within the railroad oils industry are virtually irreplaceable,” Schoenecker stated. “We are fortunate to have added Anju to our team at a time when David is ready to hand off his knowledge and experience. Preserving David’s progress and industry intelligence will be important to our customers and to maintaining our own longtime leadership in railroad engine oils.”

Singla holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from St. Louis University and an MBA from Averett University of Virginia.

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ERGON OIL PURCHASING hires new crude buyer

PITTSBURGH, PA—Joe Wesolowski has joined the Ergon family to work for Ergon Oil Purchasing as a Crude Oil Buyer.

Joe has worked in the industrial electrical industry for over 14 years for the Hite Corporation, based out of Altoona, PA. Joe worked to service the energy, commercial building and residential building industries. Joe has served in a variety of roles with Hite Corporation including customer service, counter sales representative, inside sales representative, outside sales representative and key account manager. In his new role with Ergon Oil Purchasing, Joe will be working with the producers in Ohio and Pennsylvania with the rest of the Ergon Oil Purchasing team.

Outside of his profession Joe is a certified official for Division I, II and III college lacrosse and is an outdoorsman. Joe and his wife Becky and his two children, Jack and Emilia reside in southwestern PA.

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Another volunteering opportunity for those of a hospitable nature, interested in history is a weekend docent. Larry Wiseman has been a longtime coordinator of docents, bus tours and school groups and would be glad to talk to anyone with an interest in hosting folks at the museum.

A comment often heard from people in the industry is that they always would like to go to the museum, but just never have quite gotten there. With holidays and family and friends visiting our area, we would hope that you would bring them to the museum for something unique to do. Also, browsing through a museum is a perfect way to spend an afternoon on a raw and rainy day.

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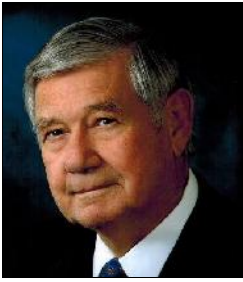
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John Franklin Deem died October 10, 2018 at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital.

Frank was born March 20, 1928 in Harrisville, WV. He was the son of Lyla Matheny and Fulton S. Deem.

He was a businessman who graduated from Harrisville High School; attended Mountain State Business College, WVU and graduated with a degree in Petroleum Engineering from Marietta College. He owned Frank Deem's Market in Harrisville, Frank Deem Chevrolet in St. Mary's and was owner and operator of JF Deem Oil and Gas for more than 50 years. Frank believed in serving his state and his country. He served in the US Navy during WWII. Frank was a long time member of the West Virginia Legislature serving in both the House and Senate in every decade from the 1950's to present.

He was very proud that he designed and built North Bend Golf Course in Harrisville.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca Lewellyn Deem, six children: Debbie Basham (Frank), Pam Howard (Bob), Patti Snodgrass (Gail), Mike Deem (Robeyn), Kathy Coatney (Terry), John Deem; and two step children: Zachary Wilson (Bethany), Catherine Shuman (Ben). He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the WV House of Delegates, Parkersburg Rotary (where he was a Harris Fellow), Parkersburg Country Club, Sons of the American Revolution, Independent Oil and Gas Association, West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association, United States Golf Association, and attended First Presbyterian Church. He was a former member of the WVUP Foundation.

Frank was a supporter of the West Virginia Symphony, The Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg, the Parkersburg Art Center, and the Ritchie County Golf Program. He also supported education and was responsible for improvements in school grounds throughout the county.

He was a dedicated public servant who said, "It was a privilege to have a voice and a vote."

Memorials may be sent to The Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg, the Senator Frank Deem Fund at the Parkersburg Community Foundation, and First Presbyterian Church of Parkersburg Founders Trust.



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WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST MINERAL AUCTIONS CANCELED

Sept 6, 2018 Reporter MKelly@Mariettatimes.com

The withdrawal of two mineral leases set to be auctioned later this month in the Wayne National Forest was received with relief from an organization that had protested the proposal and frustration from the state trade organizations for oil and gas interests.

The two plots, one of 35 acres and the other about 40 acres, are in Monroe County, and the mineral leases were scheduled for auction Sept. 20, according to an announcement in July by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM announced Aug. 28 that the auction was canceled, citing Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, paragraphs 3120.1-3, but offering no further explanation. That part of the code refers to suspending the offering of a parcel while an appeal is under consideration.

Wendy Park, a senior lawyer for the Center for Biological Diversity, said Wednesday that her organization's protest was the only one she could find that was lodged against the lease offering.

Parks said the center opposed the lease because of its potential impact on nearby water bodies and settled areas.

"This is the first time the feds have pulled parcels from a Wayne National Forest lease auction after approving its fracking plan for the Wayne, in response to environmentalists' concerns," she said.

When the 400,000 acres of the Wayne National Forest was opened to oil and gas extraction leasing in 2016, she said, the environmental impact examination was general rather than site specific, and the leases offered since then have not taken local conditions into account.

"This is pretty much what we've been saying in all our protests, that they're not taking a hard look at the impact of fracking on site-specific resources," she said. In addition to endangered species of bats, she said, there also are public health and cultural concerns.

"There are homes and communities near these leases, and toxic chemicals and air pollution would certainly have an impact on the health of local residents," she said. *"They also have failed to comply with the obligation to make sure cultural and historical resources are not harmed."*

The BLM spokesperson named in the Aug. 28 announcement could not be contacted on Wednesday.

Parks said the center is pleased but will continue its work to curtail extraction in the Wayne National Forest.

"We hope this is a step in the right direction, and it seems they're listening to our concerns, but it's time for forest service and BLM to stop all fracking in the Wayne, it's too dangerous to wildlife and human health," she said. *"We're pleased the feds decided to take this step, but we would like to see them go further."*

The Ohio Oil and Gas Association, however, was not pleased by the decision, and its spokesman Mike Chadsey said the association members are frustrated with the federal government.

"The landowners are waiting for their minerals to be produced, and although about 90 percent of the minerals are under privately owned land, in order to get to some of that we have to go through public lands with horizontal (drilling)," he said.

"Obviously, we are frustrated when sales are pulled, regardless of whether it's two parcels or 200."

Chadsey added that failure to offer mineral extraction comes at a price for public institutions such as school districts.

"The other piece of this, especially in Monroe County, is the schools," he said. *"Geographically, about half the county is in the Wayne. The producers, if they can't get leases, will go somewhere else, while the school district desperately needs money."*

School districts that include federal lands receive payments in lieu of taxes, but when minerals are developed on those lands, the districts also receive production royalties, which can significantly increase their revenue.

"All you have to do is look at (private land mineral development in) Belmont or Jefferson counties, they have some monster wells, production is off the charts," he said. *"Even if a lease is offered (by the federal government) there are always delays in issuing permits. Why invest when you don't know whether you'll get a permit in 90 or even 120 days? If I had a lease today, I don't know whether I would get a permit even in a year."*

Mineral payments to counties from production royalties in the Wayne amounted to nearly \$1.5 million, according to the U.S. Forest Service website.

Wayne National Forest mineral leases

- Area offered: two parcels totaling about 75 acres.
- Announcement of auction: Aug. 7.
- Announcement of withdrawal: Aug. 28.

Elections Have Consequences

By: Brian Chavez

It seems like the election cycle never ends and now we find ourselves approaching another election. It seems like a popular comment heard goes something like: "there aren't any good candidates so I'm not going to vote". While that provides an easy way out, it is not a good idea and is probably making the cycle worse. The strategy campaigns appears to be to play to a passionate topic to get their side to the ballot box while the other side stays at home because they don't care enough about a candidate or issue. One example for this election is Issue 1 in Ohio. Outside money from California to New York has poured into Ohio to promote this initiative through campaigning and potentially misleading wording of the initiative.

Some say the issue will help drug addicts while others claim it will decriminalize drug possession and make the state a safe place for dealers.

Locally, Washington County Sheriff Minks, as well as common pleas judge candidate John Triplett, state "Ohio judges, prosecutors, sheriffs and treatment professionals all believe that Issue 1 will undermine treatment, and expose Ohio neighborhoods and families to more deadly drugs on the street, carried by offenders who know they can't be jailed because of Issue 1's scrapping of our drug laws". The point is, there is more on the ballot than just candidates, and if you don't vote, the world can be changed around you. Understand the issues on the ballot. Understand the positions of the candidates. Support those who have a record of supporting what you believe. Support those who understand and support our Oil/Gas Industry, as the future of our economic growth could depend on it. Don't always accept the sound bites and false promises. Educate yourself and please exercise your American right to vote.



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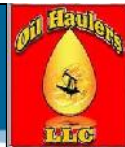
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FLIGHT B– 2ND PLACE– David Brasseaux, Bob Shelby, Rick Welker, Jim Moyer

FLIGHT B– 3RD PLACE– Larry Shears, Anthony Englefield, Gale Amacher, John Craig

#5 Long Drive in Fairway– Jarred Arnold

#18 Longest Putt– Bob Gaylor

#7 Closest to the Pin 2nd Shoot– Dennis Henniger

#9 Straightest Drive– Justin Smith

#14 Long Drive in Fairway– Chrissy Littler

#4 Closest to the Pin– Chrissy Littler

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