

# News Release



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## **Western Energy Alliance: Response to Department of Interior Report on Unused Oil and Gas Leases**

(Denver)- The Department of the Interior (DOI) report on lease utilization released today provides little new information. DOI continues to ignore all the exploratory, environmental analysis, regulatory and permitting work that companies are doing on their leases, and its own role in holding up development. Our public land managers should know that obtaining a lease is just the first step in a lengthy process filled with bureaucratic hurdles. If this Administration was serious about domestic energy production from federal lands, it would ease some of the redundant red tape that is preventing companies from developing leases they currently hold.

[Click here to read Western Energy Alliance's Position Paper: Top Ten Ways the Federal Government is Preventing Onshore Oil and Natural Gas Production.](#)

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