



Executive Order 14008 & Wyoming Oil and Gas Production

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Executive Order 14008

Sec. 208. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Public Lands and in Offshore Waters. To the extent consistent with applicable law, the Secretary of the Interior shall pause new oil and natural gas leases on public lands or in offshore waters pending completion of a comprehensive review and reconsideration of Federal oil and gas permitting and leasing practices in light of the Secretary of the Interior's broad stewardship responsibilities over the public lands and in offshore waters, including potential climate and other impacts associated with oil and gas activities on public lands or in offshore waters...



Executive Order 14008

Executive Order 14008 is a “de facto moratorium on all federal oil and gas lease sales on public lands...”

-Wyoming’s Petition for Review of Final Agency Action at 2.

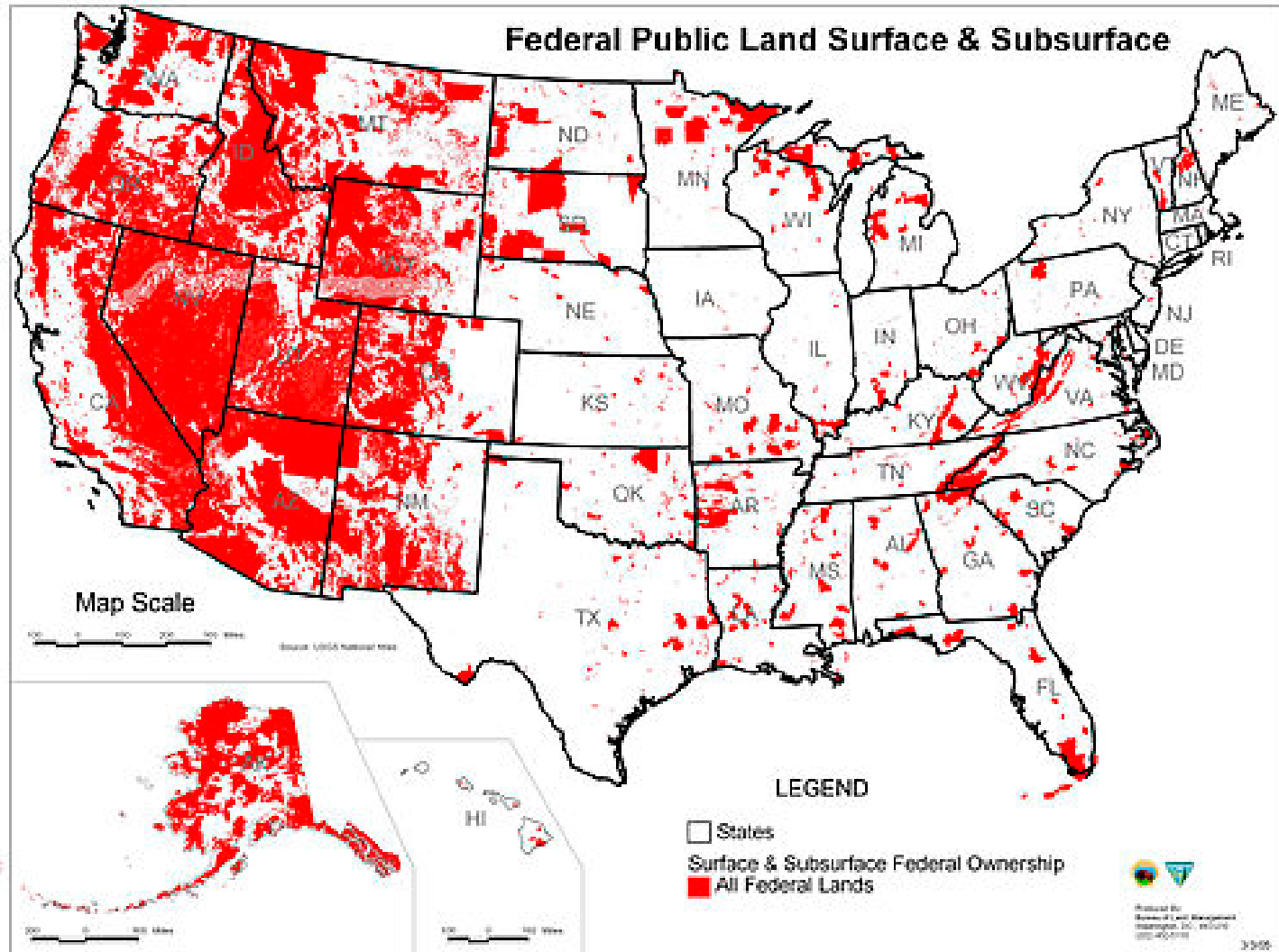
So what does this mean for the State of Wyoming?



Wyoming Oil and Gas Production

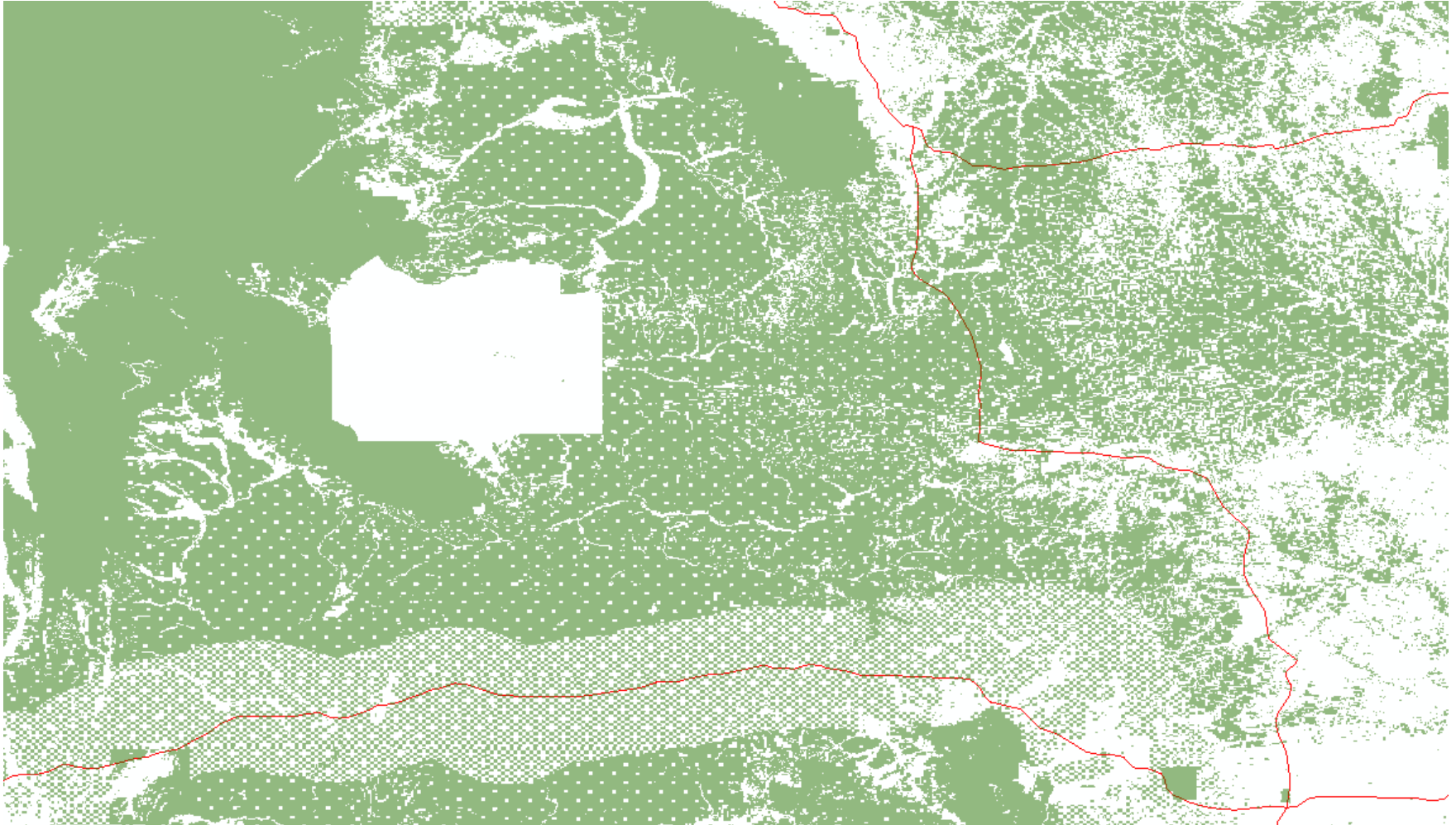
- Wyoming ranks 8th in oil production and 9th in natural gas production in the nation.
 - Approximately 60 percent of Wyoming's oil production or roughly 53,443,418 bbls is produced in Wyoming from federal minerals (in 2020).
 - Approximately 75 percent of Wyoming's gas production or roughly 1,105,096,122 mcf is produced in Wyoming from federal minerals (in 2020).
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Federal Lands in the USA



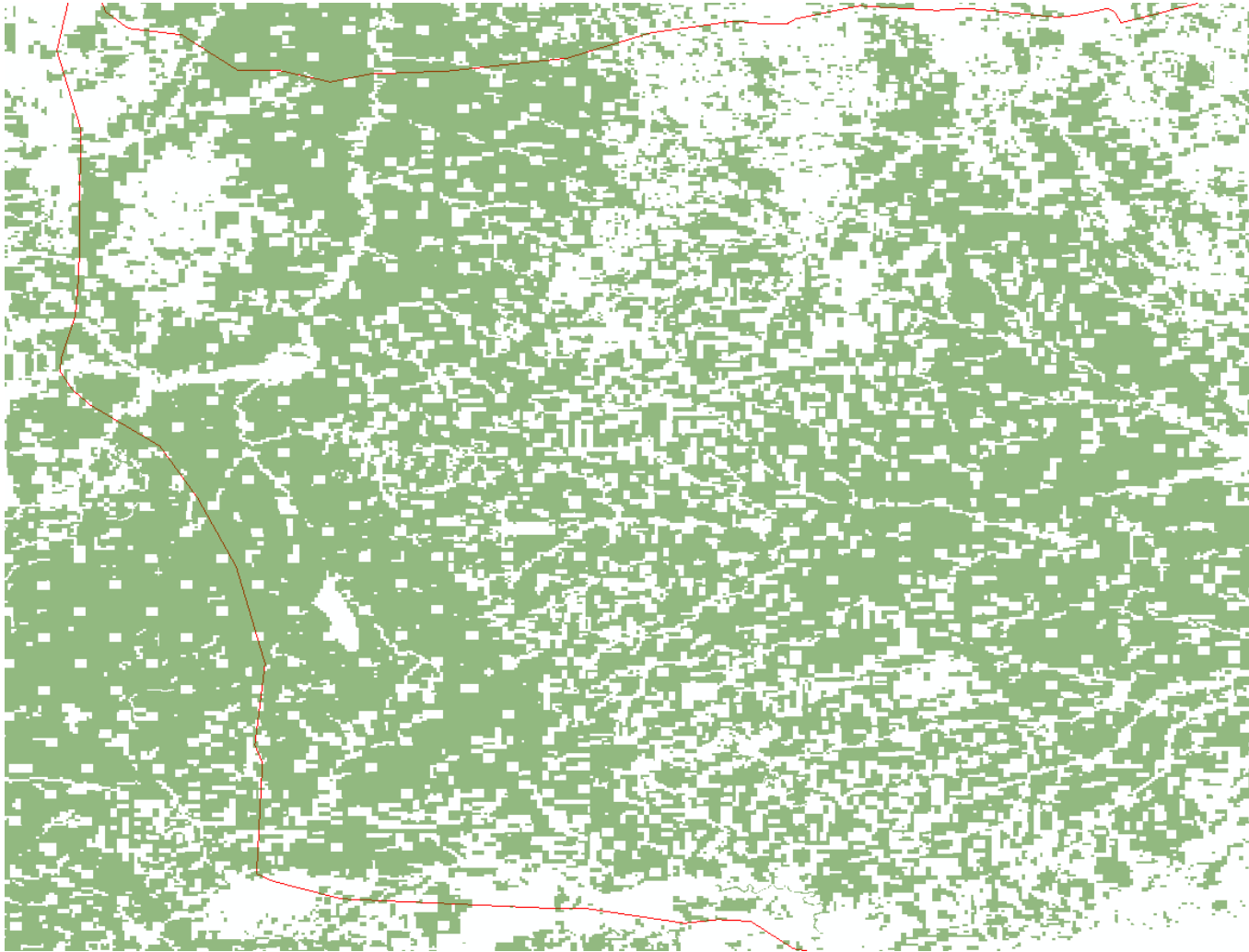


Federal Minerals in Wyoming



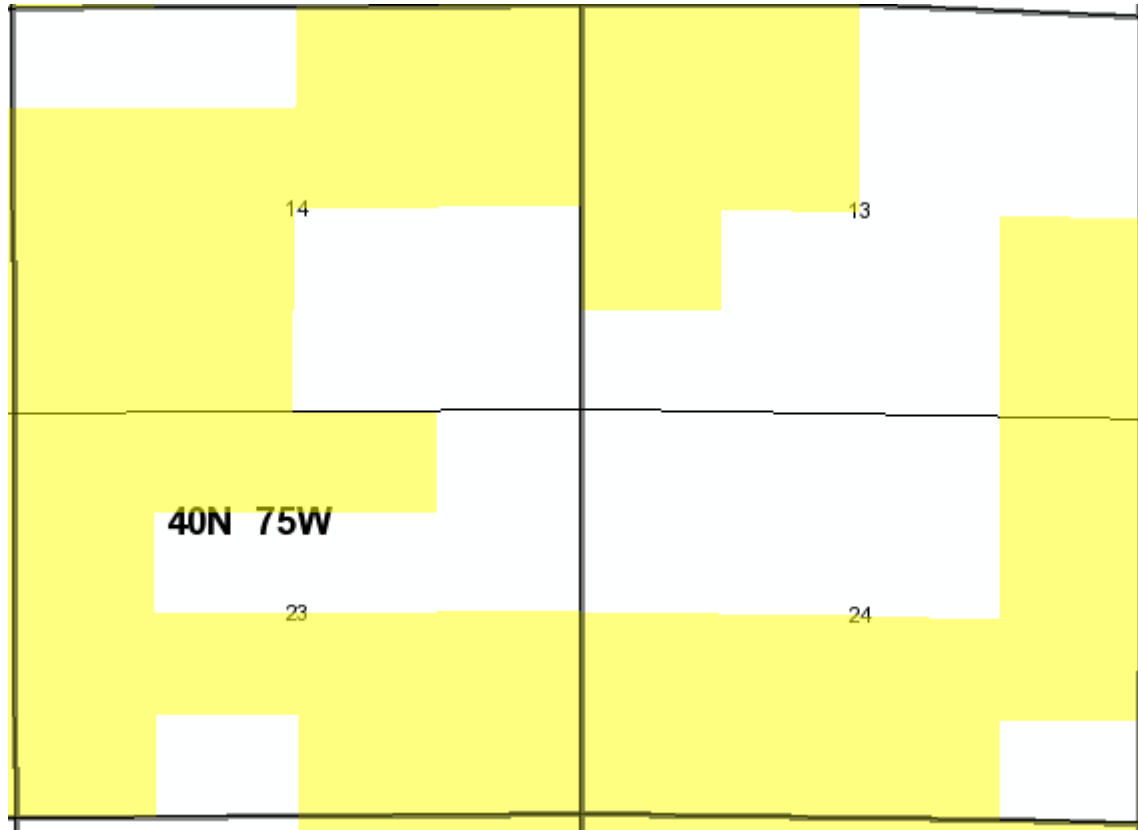


Wyoming's Powder River Basin





A typical DSU in Wyoming



Where can an operator drill a two mile lateral to produce state and private minerals without penetrating federal minerals?



Wyoming's Petition for Review

- On March 24, 2021, the State of Wyoming filed a Petition for Agency Review of Final Agency Action in the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming.
 - The named Respondents include, among others, the United States Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management.
 - The Petition challenges the legal authority of the Respondents to indefinitely suspend all federal oil and gas lease sales, including the lease sales in the State of Wyoming.
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Wyoming's Petition cont'd

Wyoming's Petition states: The moratorium

1. is an unlawful mineral withdrawal under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act;
 2. violates the applicable Resource Management Plans which have designated specific areas of the public lands as open to oil and gas leasing;
 3. violates the Mineral Leasing Act and its implementing regulations requiring quarterly lease sales;
 4. the Administrative Procedure Act; and
 5. violates the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to consider the environmental impacts of suspending federal oil and gas leasing **before** taking that action.
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Wyoming's Petition cont'd

The State of Wyoming has multiple, legally-protectable interests at stake in this litigation.

- Wyoming receives 48 percent of the bonuses, production royalties, and other revenues from oil and gas leasing on federal lands.
 - Federal mineral leasing revenues distributed to Wyoming support public schools, highways, local governments, and the state's budget reserve account.
 - The Secretary's action has deprived and will continue to deprive Wyoming of the revenue collected from bonus bids, rents, and other revenues associated with quarterly federal oil and gas lease sales including revenue from the postponed March 2021 Wyoming lease sale.
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More information about
Wyoming's Petition for
Review of Final Agency Action
can be found in 21-CV-00056



Thanks

Questions ?
