

BLM plans special lease sale

The Bureau of Land Management will hold a special competitive oil and gas lease sale Dec. 10 in Anchorage for a single tract of land at Oliktok Point on the North Slope.

This is the first federal land ever offered for lease as part of the development of Prudhoe Bay area oilfields, according to BLM officials.

The tract contains 678.2 acres of

land being used by the Air Force as a DEWline site. It is surrounded by state leases that are now producing oil as part of the Kuparuk Unit.

The Air Force will not allow any drilling from this active military site. Nevertheless, it is still possible to lease the tract since it can be developed by directional drilling.