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Annual Fall Lease Auctions Scheduled For School Land Trust

Oklahoma City, Okla. - The 33rd annual School Land Trust lease auctions will begin October 19, 2015 in Beaver County and conclude November 2, 2015 in Stillwater. This year's fall lease auctions will include a total of 464 tracts in 33 counties.

"Each October, state school land is leased for agricultural farming and grazing, as well as for recreational use" said Harry Birdwell, Secretary of the Commissioners of the Land Office. "Some leases are suitable for agricultural use and others are ideal for hunting, fishing or other personal enjoyment uses."

All leases are for a term of five years. Minimum bids are listed for each tract. Detailed lists are available from the Land Office at (405) 521-4000 or 1-888-35-LANDS. The information is also available on line at <https://clo.ok.gov>.

Leases in Beaver County will be auctioned at the Beaver County Fairgrounds at 2:00 p.m. on October 19th. Cimarron County leases will be offered at 9:00 a.m. October 20th at the Cimarron County Fairgrounds, and bidding for Texas County leases begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Texas County Fairgrounds in Guymon on October 20th.

Leases in Harper, Ellis, Woodward, Major, Dewey and Woods counties will be offered on October 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the High Plains Vo-Tech in Woodward. Leases in Comanche, Stephens, Cotton, Jackson, Jefferson and Tillman counties will be auctioned at 10:00 a.m. at the Great Plains Technology Center in Lawton on October 26th.

On October 27th, leases in Kiowa, Beckham, Caddo, Custer, Roger Mills and Washita counties will be auctioned at the Western Technology Center in Burns Flat beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Kay, Garfield, Alfalfa, Grant, Kingfisher and Blaine county lease auctions will be held October 28th at 10:00 a.m. in Enid at the Garfield County Fairgrounds.

Auctions will conclude in Stillwater at the Payne Expo Center on November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. with Lincoln, Pottawatomie, Pawnee, Payne, Logan and Noble counties.

Statewide, 745,000 acres are actively managed by the Land Office and revenue generated from lease auctions is distributed to Oklahoma schools and universities. Birdwell said more than \$128 million was distributed to education beneficiaries by the Commissioners of the Land Office last year.

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