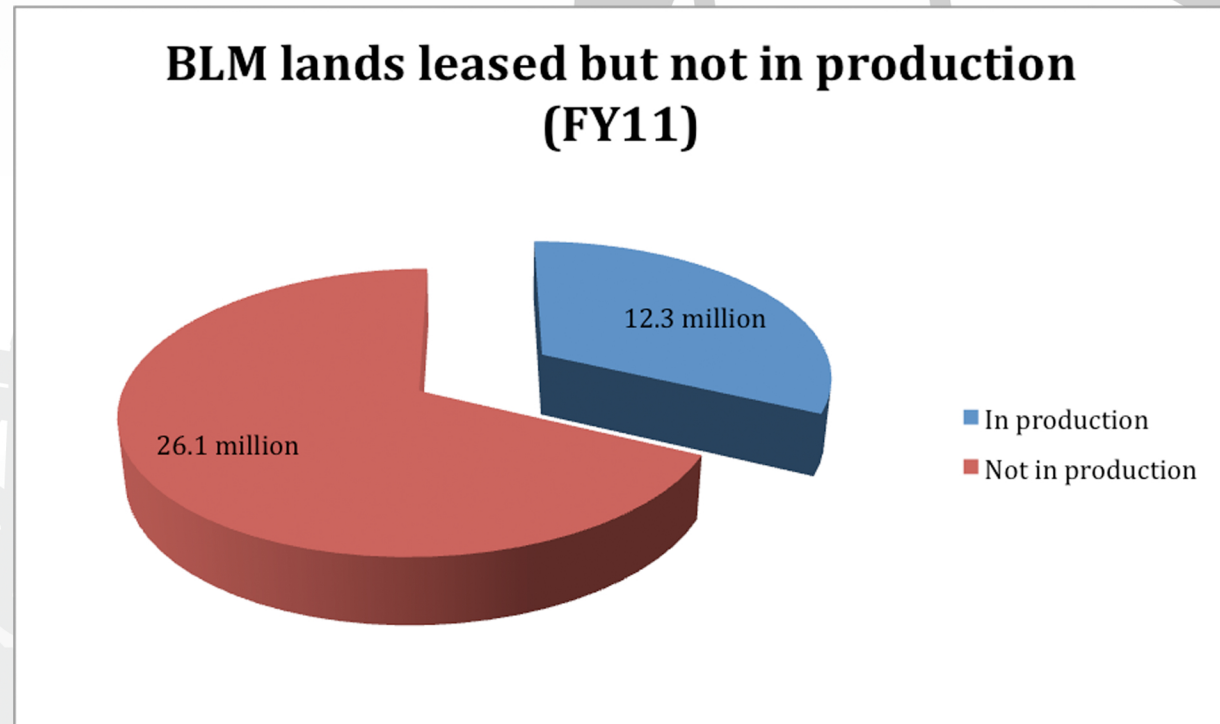


20 million acres of BLM land leased to Big Oil lay idle

In FY11, the BLM leased 38.4 million acres of public lands for drilling, while industry produced oil and gas on just 12.3 million acres.



“Total Number of Acres Leased, FY 1984-FY 2011,” U.S. Bureau of Land Management, accessed 25 January 2012.

“Number of Producible Leases on Federal Lands, FY 1988-FY 2011,” U.S. Bureau of Land Management, accessed 25 January 2012.

A *March 2011 report* found that when both production and exploration are included, 57 percent of BLM lands leased covering 21.6 million acres laid idle.

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