

Lease Rush In Holbrook Area Noted

Indications of an oil and gas prospecting boom in the Holbrook area were seen today in the number of lease applications filed in the last few days with the state land department.

O. M. Lassen, state land commissioner, said lease applications for about 100,000 acres of land in the area between Sitgreaves National Forest and the Navajo Indian Reservation have been filed since Saturday.

Lassen said about 60 persons have taken out noncompetitive oil and gas leases in the district. Maximum amount of land that can be leased under one agreement is 2,560 acres.

Jack Stuler, operator of the Stuler Map Co., 1404 W. Van Buren, who makes maps of lands in the oil and gas fields, said, "At least 15 brokers for major oil companies are in Phoenix right now." He declined to identify the persons or firms.

Land department records do not give any more information than the name and address of the person making application.