

ACTION: Notice of Scoping on two coal lease applications in the decertified Powder River Basin Federal Coal Production Region, Wyoming. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is conducting a public scoping period to identify issues and concerns related to two separate coal lease applications received from Powder River Coal Company (PRCC) and Kerr-McGee (K-M) Coal Corporation.

SUMMARY: BLM received a coal lease application (LBA) from PRCC on March 23, 1995, for approximately 4,020 acres (and an estimated 500 million tons of coal, in an area adjacent to the company's North Antelope and Rochelle Mines in Campbell County, Wyoming (WYW136142). BLM received a coal lease application (LBA) from K-M Coal Corporation on April 14, 1995, for approximately 4,000 acres and an estimated 432 millions tons of coal, in an area adjacent to the company's Jacobs Ranch Mine in Campbell County, Wyoming (WYW136458). Both applications were filed as maintenance tract lease-by-applications (LBAs) under the provisions of 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3425.1. The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) reviewed both lease applications at their April 23, 1996, meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming and recommended that both be processed.

BLM is considering several options to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in processing these two leases: preparing separate NEPA documents for each lease application or preparing one NEPA document to analyze the impacts of both lease applications. The RCT recommended that BLM include a request for comments from the public on which of these options would best satisfy NEPA as part of the scoping process. An updated cumulative impact analysis for the southern group of mines in the Wyoming Powder River Basin will be included under either NEPA option. Under the LBA process, most of the Federal coal leased in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin Federal Coal Region has been leased by the southern grouping of mines, which consists of the Jacobs Ranch, Black Thunder, North Rochelle, Rochelle, North Antelope, and Antelope mines.

After reviewing the comments received during the scoping period, BLM will make a decision on how to address NEPA for these two applications, and inform the public of what that decision is. The U.S. Forest Service and Office of Surface Mining will be cooperating agencies on the document or documents. DATES: As

part of the public scoping process, a public scoping meeting is scheduled on June 27, 1996, at 7:00 PM, at the Holiday Inn, 2009 South Douglas Highway, in Gillette, Wyoming. If you have concerns or issues that the BLM should address in processing these two leases, you can express them verbally at the scoping meeting in Gillette or send them in writing to BLM by July 31, 1996, at the address given below.

ADDRESSES: Please address questions, comments or concerns to the Casper District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Nancy Doelger, 1701 East E Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Doelger or Mike Karbs at the above address, or phone: 307-261-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 1995, PRCC filed a coal lease application WYW136142 with the BLM for a maintenance tract LBA for the following lands, which contain an estimated 550 million tons of coal:

T. 41 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 6: Lots 10 thru 13, and 18 thru 21;
Section 7: Lots 6, 11, 14, and 19;
Section 18: Lots 5, 12, 13, and 20;

T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 31: Lots 5 thru 20;
Section 32: Lots 1 thru 16;
Section 33: Lots 1 thru 16;
Section 34: Lots 1 thru 16;
Section 35: Lots 1 thru 16;

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 1: Lots 5, 6, 11, and 12;
Containing 4,022.960 acres more or less.

The North Antelope and Rochelle Mines are contiguous mines which are both adjacent to the lease application area. Both mines have approved mining and reclamation plans. The Rochelle Mine has an air quality permit approved by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (WDEQ/AQD) to mine up to 30 million tons of coal per year. The North Antelope Mine has an air quality permit approved by the WDEQ/AQD to mine up to 35 million tons of coal per year. According to PRCC, no increase in planned production would occur at either mine solely from the acquisition of the proposed lease; the additional tonnage would extend the life of both mines.

PRCC previously acquired Federal coal lease WYW122586, containing approximately 3,493 acres adjacent to the North Antelope and Rochelle Mines, using the competitive LBA process, effective 10/1/92.

On April 14, 1995, K-M Coal Corporation filed an LBA WYW136458 with the BLM for a maintenance tract

for the following lands, which contain an estimated 432 million tons of coal:

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Section 4: Lots 8, 9, and 15 thru 18;
Section 5: Lots 5 thru 20;
Section 6: Lots 8 thru 23;
Section 7: Lots 5 thru 7; Lot 8 (N¹/₂); Lots 9 thru 12; Lot 13 (N¹/₂ and SE¹/₄); Lot 19 (NE¹/₄);
Section 8: Lots 1 thru 16;
Section 9: Lots 3 thru 6 and Lots 11 thru 13;

T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Section 1: Lots 5 thru 15, 19, and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;
Containing 3,354.265 acres more or less.

The acreage applied for in K-M's application is known as the Thundercloud tract. It is described in a 1983 BLM document entitled "Powder River Coal Region Tract Summaries", which was prepared in anticipation of a Federal coal sale proposed for 1984 that did not take place.

The Jacobs Ranch Mine has an air quality permit approved by the WDEQ/AQD to mine up to 35 million tons of coal per year. According to K-M, the additional coal reserves would extend the life of the current mining operations at the Jacobs Ranch Mine.

K-M previously acquired Federal coal lease WYW117924, containing approximately 1,079 acres adjacent to the Jacobs Ranch Mine, under the competitive LBA process, effective 10/1/92.

The major issues related to these to leases applications that have been identified to date include the potential increases in impacts to air quality, groundwater, and wildlife that may occur if these leases are issued. If you have specific concerns about these issues, or have other concerns or issues that BLM should consider in processing these leases, or if you have comments on whether BLM should prepare one NEPA document or two, please address them in writing to the above individuals or state them verbally at the public scoping meeting scheduled for June 27, 1996, in Gillette, Wyoming. BLM will accept written comments at the address should above through July 31, 1996.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

Robert A. Bennett,
Deputy State Director, Minerals & Lands.
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Relocation/Change of Address/Office Closure; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 27, 1996, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) California State Office will move to a new location. This notice provides information regarding that move.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 20, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Lou West, BLM California State Office (CA-912), 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2845, Sacramento, California 95825-1889; telephone number 916-979-2835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning on June 27, 1996, BLM's California State Office will be moving to a new location. The move will affect the following activities or considerations as follows:

(A). Public Access to Records

During the period of June 17 through July 10, 1996, none of the records maintained by that office will be available for public inspection. However, the Public Room will remain open during the move to provide the following limited services: (1) Provide general or recreational information, (2) Distribute forms for mining claim maintenance fee/waiver filing, (3) Process maintenance fees for existing mining claims, (4) Process new mining claim locations, and (5) Sell maps. It is anticipated that the entire office will be operational, at the new location, on July 15, 1996.

(B). New Street Address and New Mailing Address

2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451; please address all correspondence to the new address after July 15, 1996.

(C). Telephone Numbers

Existing telephone numbers will remain unchanged after the move.

Dated: June 13, 1996.

Ronald R. Fox,

Deputy State Director, Administration.

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Arizona, Conveyance of Federally-Owned Mineral Interests, Yavapai County

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: (1) Pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719), Rex G. and Ruth G. Maughan applied in 1992 to purchase the mineral estate on lands in Yavapai County. The

mineral interests were first segregated on June 24, 1992 (57 FR 28184) and again on June 23, 1994 (59 FR 32459). Some mineral interests were added on June 7, 1995, and some of the segregations were terminated (60 FR 35421). The application currently contains mineral interests on the following lands:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 9 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 8, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 10 N., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 14, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 25, lots 3-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ EXCEPT a tract of land located in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ described as follows: BEGINNING at the South quarter corner of said sec. 25; thence S. 89°56' W., 2643.30 feet to the Southwest corner of said sec. 25; thence N. 00°05' W., 5582.28 feet to the Northwest corner of said sec. 25; thence N. 88°17' E., 859.12 feet along the North line of said sec. 25; thence S. 00°05' E., 850.0 feet; thence S. 40°11'10" E., 2768.04 feet, more or less, to the center of said sec. 25; thence S. 0°06'50" E., 2640 feet, more or less, to the South quarter corner of said sec. 25 and the POINT OF BEGINNING. (In lot 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, the United States only reserved oil and gas.)

T. 11 N., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 8, lots 1, 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 12, NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 17, lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 19, E $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 20, W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 21, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 11 N., R. 4 W.,

Sec. 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 10, lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 22, NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 29, lots 1-12, inclusive, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 4,838.37 acres.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the mineral interests described above will be segregated from the mining and the mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate upon issuance of a patent, upon final rejection of the application, or 2 years from the publication date, whichever occurs first.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evelyn Stob, Land Law Examiner, Arizona State Office, P.O. Box 16563, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6563, (602) 650-0518.

Dated: June 11, 1996.

Mary Jo Yoas,

Chief, Lands and Minerals Adjudication Section

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Filing of Plats of Survey; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the latest filing of plats of survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the next Federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford A. Robinson, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2845, Sacramento, CA 95825, 916-979-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plats of survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Mount Diablo Meridan, California

T. 6 N., R. 13 E.,—Supplemental plat of section 8, accepted May 7, 1996, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area

T. 2 S., R. 6 W.,—Resurvey, meets-and-bounds survey, and corrective resurvey, (Group 1024) accepted May 24, 1996, to meet certain administrative needs of the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Boundary

T. 26 S., R. 11 E.,—Supplemental plat of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7, accepted May 29, 1996, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Caliente Resource Area

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 9 N., R. 1 W.,—Supplemental plat of portions of sections 19 and 20, accepted May 24, 1996, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, California Desert District, Barstow Resource Area.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open files in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats are related field notes will