

possibility of a CRADA for similar activities should contact the U.S. Geological Survey no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David S. Mueller, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, 9818 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299; telephone (502) 493-1935; fax (502) 493-1909; email dmueller@usgs.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-74804]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155. Notice is hereby given that at 1:00 p.m., May 14, 1998, certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Carbon County, Utah will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer. A company or individual is limited to one sealed bid. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

This lease is being offered for sale under the provisions set forth in the regulations for Leasing on Application at 43 CFR 3425.

The lease sale will be held in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, 324 South State Street, Suite 302, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1:00 p.m. on May 14, 1998. At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read. No bids received after 10:00 a.m., May 14, 1998, will be considered.

Coal Offered: The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah, approximately 15 miles northwest of Price, Utah:

T. 13 S., R. 8 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 6, SESW, S2SE, NWSE;
Sec. 7, lots 1-3, E2, E2W2;

Sec. 8, SWNE, NWNW, S2NW, N2SW,
SWSW, W2SE;
Sec. 17, N2NW, SWNE;
Sec. 18, NENE.

Containing 1,288.49 acres.

One economically recoverable coal bed, the Hiawatha Seam is found in this tract. The seam averages 6.7 feet in thickness. This tract contains an estimated 6.3 million tons of recoverable high volatile B bituminous coal.

The estimated coal quality using weighted averages of samples on an as-received basis is:

12,328: BTU/lb.;
6.72: Percent moisture;
0.53: Percent sulphur;
6.17: Percent ash;
45.09: Percent fixed carbon;
42.17: Percent volatile matter.

Rental and Royalty: A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with BLM Manual 3070.

Notice of Availability: Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease are available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 or in the Public Room (Room 400), 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: April 8, 1998.

Robert Lopez,
Acting Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-960-1990-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana.

SUMMARY: The Council will convene at 9 AM, Wednesday, May 20, 1998. Issues to be discussed include the Whitetail/Pipestone off-road vehicle alternatives and BLM's two-tier system. A field trip is tentatively planned to the Tailpipe area.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11 AM. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (PO Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Owings at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

Michele D. Good,
Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-070-1320-01]

Notice of Intent for a 30-Day Comment Period on the Draft (Proposed) Amendment to the Farmington RMP, Invitation for Public Involvement and Call for Information on Coal, and Other Minerals and Resources; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington Field Office, has prepared a Draft of the Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for BLM-managed Federal Minerals in San Juan County, New Mexico. The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 43, Subpart 1600 (43 CFR 1600) will be followed in the preparation of this plan amendment.

The public is invited to participate in this land use plan amendment effort. Written comments or suggested additional issues will be accepted through May 19, 1998. This notice is to

solicit comment on coal resources information and indications of other interest and needs pursuant to 43 CFR 3420.1-2, for inclusion in the Farmington RMP Amendment. Coal companies, other mineral extraction companies, state and local governments, and the general public are encouraged to submit information to the BLM to assist in the review of the draft determination of coal development potential and possible conflicts with other resources. If this information is determined to indicate development potential, further consideration for leasing will be given.

DATES: April 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments to be included with the draft document should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401. Proprietary data should be identified as such to ensure confidentiality.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Moore, Farmington District, 505-599-6311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft Farmington RMP amendment will include the federal coal lease application located in T. 30 N., R. 14 W., in San Juan County, about six miles west of Farmington, New Mexico. The property proposed to be leased contains approximately 4,480 acres and is described as follows:

T. 30 N. R. 14 W., N.M.P.M.

Sec. 17: All

Sec. 18: All

Sec. 19: All

Sec. 20: All

Sec. 29: All

Sec. 30: All

Sec. 31: N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, Lots 1 through 4.

The issue addressed by this draft RMP amendment effort is coal leasing and the development within the coal lease. Industry and other interested parties are asked to provide any information that will be useful in meeting the requirements of the Federal Coal Management Program as defined in 43 CFR Part 3420, including a review of the applicable coal planning screens. Information resulting from comments submitted to the BLM will be utilized in the draft finalization and implementation and to determine the potential for coal development and conflicts with other resources within the 4,480-acre tract and any other tracts that may be determined to have additional interest.

Lands already considered in the Farmington RMP, adopted in July 1988, need not be addressed.

The issue of federal coal leasing and development include:

1. Determining areas acceptable for further coal leasing consideration with standard stipulations.

2. Determining areas acceptable for consideration with special stipulations.

3. Determining areas unacceptable for further coal leasing consideration.

The BLM will apply the coal developmental potential, applicable unsuitability criteria, multiple use conflict and consultation screens in order to make these determinations.

The type of information needed includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Location.

a. Federal coal tracts desired by mining companies should include a narrative description with areas delineated on a map with a scale of not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch to the mile.

b. Descriptions of both public and private industry coal users in the general region.

2. Quantity needs (tonnage, dates) for both public and private industry coal users and coal developers.

3. Quality needs (by type and grade) for end users of the coal.

4. Coal reserve drilling data which may pertain to the planning area.

5. Information relating to surface and mineral ownership:

a. Surface owner consent previously granted, whether consent is transferrable, surface owner leases with coal companies.

b. Non-federal or fee coal ownership adjacent to federal tracts currently leased or mined.

6. Other resource values occurring within the planning area which may conflict with coal development:

a. Describe the resource value and locate it on a map with a scale of not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch to the mile.

b. State the reasons the particular resource would conflict with coal development. Any individual, business entity or public body may participate in this process by providing coal or other resource information under this call. This planning issue is presented for public comment and is subject to change based upon such public comment. Comments should be received by Close of Business, May 19, 1998. Public involvement is welcome throughout the amendment process. A formal public hearing/public meeting will be held on May 6, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the BLM office at 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, New Mexico to provide the public an opportunity to participate in this Draft Amendment effort.

Complete records of all phases of the planning process will be available for review and comment at the Bureau of

Land Management, Farmington Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, New Mexico.

The final RMP amendment documents will be available upon request.

John A. Phillips,

Acting Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

(MT-926-08-1420-00)

Montana: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plat of survey of the following described land is scheduled to be officially filed in the Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, thirty (30) days from the date of this publication.

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 6 N., R. 40 E.

The plat, containing the entire survey record, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and the adjusted original meanders of the former left bank of the Yellowstone River, and the survey of a portion of the new meanders of the present left bank of the Yellowstone River, downstream through section 22, and certain division of accretion lines in section 22, Township 6 North, Range 40 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 30, 1998.

This survey was requested by the Miles City District Office. A copy of the preceding described plat will be immediately placed in the open files and will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, is received prior to the date of the official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. This particular plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been accepted or dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

Daniel T. Mates,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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