

common varieties of sand, stone, or gravel. Each contract form is prenumbered for accountability and cash payment, in full, is required before BLM signs the contract.

Form 5450-5 requires the following information from the respondent: (1) The name of the purchaser or his/her authorized representative with complete mailing address; (2) the specific type of vegetative or mineral materials to be purchased and their respective quantities; (3) the specific location from which the materials are to be removed, and (4) the signature of the purchaser or authorized representative. BLM reviews the information collected from the respondent to: (1) Determine the qualifications of the purchaser, (2) determine fair market value for the materials sold, (3) identify potential environmental impacts, and (4) prevent trespass removal of the materials. BLM uses this information to establish the parties to the contract, the total purchase price including road maintenance and site reclamation fees, the period for which the contract is valid, and terms and conditions and other stipulations which are required by BLM for removal of the materials. Without this information, the federal government would not be able to enter into a bidding contract with the purchaser or property account for and report sales of mineral and vegetative materials from the public lands.

The information collection on Form 5450-5 is required by the respondent in order to obtain a benefit. The majority of respondents are individuals purchasing small quantities of vegetative and mineral materials for personal use. According to the 1998 summary report of special forest and range products, BLM entered into 15,627 contracts for the negotiated cash sale of vegetative and mineral materials using Form 5450-5. Based on BLM's experience in administering these activities, the public reporting burden for the information described is estimated to average 15 minutes per response. Actual time varies from 5 minutes to 30 minutes depending on the type and variety of materials being purchased. The frequency of response by the respondent is once per contract. Using an average of 15,000 requests per year, the total annual burden is 3,750 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become part of the public record.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

Carole Smith,

Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-1430-01]

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. On April 16, 1999, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 18931) requesting comments on this proposed collection. The comment period closed on June 15, 1999. BLM received no comments for the public in response to that notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related documents and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below. OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond within 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Desk Office (1004-0153), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Nature of Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of BLM, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

Title: Conveyance of Federally Owned Mineral Interests, 43 CFR part 2720.

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0153.

Abstract: Respondents supply identifying information to be used by the agency to process applications to determine an applicant's eligibility for benefits and whether all statutory requirements have been met.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: Once.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals whose land surface ownership overlies federally owned mineral interest.

Estimated Completion Time: 10 hours.

Annual Responses: 13.

Annual Burden Hours: 130.

Bureau Clearance Office: Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

Carole J. Smith,

Bureau of Land Management Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-00, WYW 0333794]

Availability of Preliminary Public Interest Determination, Draft Environmental Assessment and Notice of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a preliminary public interest determination, a draft environmental assessment and notice of a public hearing on the proposed Belco/Enron I-90 coal lease exchange.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 43 CFR 3435.3-5, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that the lands to be leased in the proposed exchange are acceptable for further consideration for exchange. The lease rights offered by BLM are equal to the estimated fair market value of the lease exchange rights to be relinquished by Enron, as required by 43 CFR 3435.3-4.

BLM is also giving notice that an environmental assessment (EA) has been developed to document conformance with the Buffalo Resource Management Plan, which determined that these lands are suitable for further

coal leasing consideration; to disclose the environmental consequences of the proposed exchange action and reasonable alternatives; and to determine if the proposed exchange is in the public interest. The BLM's preliminary public interest determination is that the proposed exchange is in the public interest, and these findings are documented within the EA.

This exchange notice follows the January 20, 1999, notice which was required under 43 CFR 3435.3-1, and which initiated BLM's consideration of a coal lease for coal lease exchange. A copy of the notice was sent to the Governor of WY as required by 43 CFR 3435.3-6. Since the initial notice, Enron has expressed their willingness to proceed with consideration of the exchange as proposed by BLM (43 CFR 3435.3-2). Consistent with 43 CFR 3435.3-3, the Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) has been informed of exchange negotiations, and the RCT will be consulted prior to finalizing any exchange.

BLM is requesting comments on the preliminary public interest determination, and the draft environmental assessment.

DATES: BLM is accepting written comments on the preliminary public interest determination and the draft environmental assessment until September 1, 1999, at the address below. A public hearing is scheduled to accept oral and written testimony and comment on the preliminary public interest determination, and the draft environmental assessment. The public hearing will be at 7 p.m. MDT, August 17, 1999 at the Best Western Tower West Lodge, 109 North U.S. Highway 14-16, Gillette, WY 82716.

ADDRESSES: Request copies of the draft EA, including the preliminary public interest determination by either calling the Casper Field Office at 307-261-7600, or by writing to the Field Manager, Casper Field Office, Attn: Mike Karbs, 1701 East 'E' Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601. This is also where written comments should be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information or to obtain a copy of the document contact Mike Karbs at the address above or by calling 307-261-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Enron (formerly Belco Petroleum Corp.), has offered to exchange all coal lease rights retained from coal lease WYW 0322794 to BLM for a Federal coal lease in the Hay Creek coal tract. Coal lease WYW 0322794 (in Johnson County, WY, east of the Town of Buffalo), was

relinquished on December 31, 1986, but Enron retained the right to pursue an I-90 lease exchange. A legal description of the lands contained in terminated coal lease WYW 0322794 is at the end of this notice. Consideration of a lease exchange is appropriate as authorized under the Act of October 30, 1978, Pub. L. 95-554, commonly referred to as the I-90 Exchange Act.

The Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), in a December 5, 1997, decision (IBLA 94-684), stated,

Because we conclude that the public interest favors completing a coal exchange, we remand the case to BLM in order that it may complete, as expeditiously as possible, an exchange of the Belco (Enron) tract for a redelineated Hay Creek tract or for all or part of one of the other two tracts listed in the Agreement. (IBLA 94-684; 141 IBLA 367).

Enron identified the possibility of exchanging 100 million tons of coal in sections 20 and 21, in the southeastern portion of the Hay Creek tract as the selected Federal coal lease in exchange for offered coal lease rights. This exchange proposal was also made by Belco (Enron) in a letter to BLM dated August 22, 1983, and again in a letter dated November 22, 1989; that is, an exchange of 170 million tons of coal in the Buffalo area for a tract containing approximately 100 million tons of coal to be delineated from acreage in the extreme southeast portion of the Hay Creek Tract (141 IBLA 368).

After evaluating Hay Creek's coal geology and reserves in response to Enron's proposal, BLM proposes to exchange a coal lease on the following coal lands for Enron's offered coal lease rights:

T. 52 N., R. 72 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 17: Lot 16;
Sec. 20: Lots 1, 2 (E2E2), 7 (E2E2), 8, 9, 10 (E2E2), 15 (E2E2), 16;
Sec. 21: Lots 3 (W2), 4, 5, 6 (W2), 10 (W2), 11-15.

This 599.172 acre tract contains approximately 106 million tons of minable coal. The tract boundaries provide straight boundaries to promote maximum economic coal recovery and follow no less than 10-acre subdivisions.

The regulations at 43 CFR 3435.3-4 require that the land to be leased shall, to the satisfaction of the lessee and the Secretary, be equal to the estimated fair value of the lease to be relinquished. The two tracts under consideration here are not similar. At the old Belco lease, the coal averaged 7100 BTUs/lb. Eight thousand BTUs/lb is considered minable to a coal/overburden ratio of 5:1.

BLM and Belco have independently determined that the old Belco lease had between 137-185 million tons of

minable coal to a 5:1 stripping limit. Enron proposed an exchange based on an estimated average of 170 million tons of minable coal at the old Belco lease for 100 million tons of coal in sections 20 and 21 in the southeastern portion of the Hay Creek tract. This exchange proposal was also made by Belco in a letter to BLM dated August 22, 1983, and again in a letter dated November 22, 1989; that is, an exchange of 170 million tons of coal in the Buffalo area for a tract containing approximately 100 million tons of coal to be delineated from acreage in the extreme southeast portion of the Hay Creek tract.

After evaluating Hay Creek's coal geology and reserves in response to Enron's proposal, BLM proposed a 599.112 acre tract delineated from acreage in the southeast portion of the Hay Creek tract containing approximately 106 million tons of minable coal. The tract boundaries provide straight boundaries to promote maximum economic coal recovery and follow no less than 10-acre subdivisions. The coal at Hay Creek, as delineated by BLM, generally has a coal/overburden ratio of 2:1 or less and averages 8000 BTUs. The lesser tonnage offered at Hay Creek is due to the fact that the Hay Creek coal is of higher heat content and is shallower, resulting in lower mining cost.

BLM did an economic evaluation of the Belco and Hay Creek tracts which concluded that neither tract would have attracted a bonus bid in 1994. The Belco lease would not attract a bonus bid in the foreseeable future, while the Hay Creek tract could potentially attract a competitive bid in 2014. At present, under BLM's bonus bid evaluation, neither tract would attract a bonus bid, and for lease exchange purposes are considered of equal value.

Based on information submitted by Belco (Enron), on the prior economic evaluation, and on a geologic evaluation of lands offered in the Hay Creek tract, and IBLA 94-684, BLM has made a preliminary determination that the proposed coal lease exchange with Enron is in the public interest.

An environmental assessment (EA) has been developed by BLM to document conformance with the Buffalo Resource Management Plan, which determined that these lands are suitable for further coal leasing consideration; to disclose the environmental consequences of the proposed exchange action and reasonable alternatives; and to determine if the proposed exchange is in the public interest. The BLM's preliminary public interest determination is that the proposed exchange is in the public interest and

these findings are documented within the EA. This EA is now available to the public and written comments will be accepted through the public comment period as specified in DATES above. A public hearing to accept oral testimony has also been scheduled during the public comment period.

The legal description of Federal coal lease WYW 0322794 originally held by Belco, and relinquished in 1986, with Belco retaining exchange rights is:

- T. 50 N., R. 80 W, 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 30: Lots 3, 4, SESW;
 Sec. 31: Lots 1, 2, W2NE, SENE, E2NW;
 T. 50 N., R. 81 W, 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 2: Lot 4, S2NW;
 Sec. 3: Lots 1-4, S2N2, S2;
 Sec. 4: Lots 1-3, S2NE, SENW, E2SW, S2SE, NESE;
 Sec. 10: E2, E2W2, NWNW;
 Sec. 11: W2SW;
 Sec. 14: SWNE, W2, N2SE, SWSE;
 Sec. 15: E2, E2NW;
 Sec. 22: E2NE;
 Sec. 23: W2E2, NW, E2SW;
 Sec. 25: S2NW, S2;
 Sec. 26: NE, E2NW, N2SE;
 T. 51 N., R. 81 W, 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 34: SE;
 Sec. 35: W2SW, SESW.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the addressess listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the final EA. Individual respondents may request confidentially. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: July 16, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-1220-00]

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Designation Decisions for the Royal Gorge Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) designation decisions for the Royal Gorge Field Office.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective July 15, 1999 the use of OHVs on public lands will be in accordance with the "Open", "Limited" or "Closed" designations outlined in the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan, record of decision signed on May 13, 1996. OHV use and designations are with the authority and requirements of 43 CFR part 8340, including subparts and Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976.

These OHV use designations will involve all the BLM-administered lands in the Royal Gorge Field Office located within Baca, Bent, Crowley, Chaffee, Custer, El Paso, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Lake, Las Animas, Otero, Park, Powers, Pueblo, and Teller Counties. The designations are a result of resource management decisions made in the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan. Public comments concerning OHV designations and other resource issues were accepted during a 90 day comment period.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This order is in effect July 15, 1999, and is permanent until canceled, amended or replaced by the Authorized Officer.

ADDRESSES: Royal Gorge Field Office Manager, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Co 81212; Telephone (719) 269-8500; TDD (719) 269-8597.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Levi Deike, Area Manager or Diana Kossnar, Outdoor Recreation Planner,

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these OHV designations and a map will be posted at the Royal Gorge Field Office. OHV area designations are as follows:

A. Approximately 16,355 acres are Open—OHV use will be allowed in the following areas: Grand Canyon Hills (2,012 acres, 4 miles west of Canon City, CO), Texas Creek Gulch (9,720 acres, immediately north of Texas Creek, CO), Sand Gulch (1,449 acres, immediately east of Howard, CO, and Penrose Chaining Area (3,174 acres, 4 miles north of Penrose, CO).

B. Approximately 560,595 acres are Limited—OHV use will be limited to

existing roads and trails (existing as of April 1, 1999) until future planning identifies designated roads and trails and/or seasonal limitations on 560,595 acres within the Royal Gorge Resource Area.

C. Approximately 79,863 acres are Closed—OHV use will be prohibited year-round in the following areas: Browns Canyon Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (6,614 acres, 10 miles north of Salida, CO), McIntyre Hills WSA (16,800 acres 10 miles west of Canon City, CO), Beaver Creek WSA (26,150 acres, 10 miles north of Penrose, CO), Upper Grape Creek WSA (10,200 acres, 10 miles northeast of Westcliffe, CO), Lower Grape Creek WSA (11,220 acres, 7 miles southwest of Canon City, CO), 31-Mile Ranch (1,971 acres, 4 miles southwest of Guffey, CO) and Deer Haven Ranch (6909 acres, 12 miles northwest of Canon City, CO).

Specific roads within the Royal Gorge Field Office may be temporarily closed due to wet weather conditions according to **Federal Register** Notice dated December 30, 1997, Volume 62, Number 249, Page 67889. Area designations do not apply to military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicles while being used for emergency purposes; any vehicle whose use is expressly approved by the authorized officer, or otherwise officially approved; and vehicles in official use. Any person who violates or fails to comply with these regulations is subject to arrest, conviction, and punishment pursuant to appropriate laws and regulations. Such punishment may be a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not longer than 12 months, or both.

Adrian Neisius,

Associate Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-055-1210-00; IDI-32075]

Notice of Realty Action (NORA), Direct Sale of Public Land in Lincoln County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action (NORA), direct sale of public land in Lincoln County, Idaho.

Notice

The following-described public land has been examined and through the public-supported land use planning