

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Langlier, Refuge Manager, (509) 684-8384.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published in the **Federal Register** of July 7, 1999 (Vol. 64, No. 129, pages 36712-36713), that comments were to be received on or before July 31, 1999. In response to public interest, the Service decided to provide more time for public comments. The new deadline for public comment is now extended to August 31, 1999.

Dated: August 18, 1999.

Thomas Dwyer,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-016397.

Applicant: Leroy H. Chaney, Jr., Fort Worth, TX,

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-016395.

Applicant: Clark E. Linders, Manhattan, KS,

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-015907.

Applicant: University of California, Los Angeles, California,

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals previously accessioned into the permittee's collection for scientific research. This notification covers

activities conducted by the applicant for a five-year period.

PRT-016143.

Applicant: International Animal Exchange, Ferndale, MI,

The applicant requests a permit for foreign commerce to purchase 5 captive-born cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatas*) from Hoedspruit Research and Breeding Facility, Waterkloof Ridge, Republic of South Africa, and sell to Beijing Badaling Wild Animal Park, Beijing, China, for the purpose of conservation education and breeding.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: August 20, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Pub. L. 105-36, the NCGMP Advisory Committee will meet in Room 7000B of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Advisory Committee, composed of scientists from Federal Agencies, State Agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, will advise the Director on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program.

Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Advisory Committee include the

progress of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program towards fulfilling the purposes of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

- Updates on the Federal, State, and educational components of the NCGMP.
- Reauthorization of the National Geologic Mapping Act by the 106th Congress.
- Strategic Goals.

DATES: September 21-22, 1999, commencing at 9 a.m. on September 21st and adjourning by 5 p.m. on September 22nd.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha N. Garcia, US Geological Survey, 908 National Center, Reston, Virginia 20192 (703) 648-6960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee are open to the public.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

Linda C. Gundersen,

Associate Chief Geologist for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-09-1320-01; WYW139975]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale; Elk Mountain/Saddleback Hills Tract; WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the Elk Mountain/Saddleback Hills Tract, described below, in Carbon County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 29, 1999. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Tuesday, September 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107) of the Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Melvin Schlagel, Coal Coordinator, at

307-775-6258 and 307-775-6257, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Ark Land Company, a subsidiary of Arch Coal, Inc. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by a combination of conventional surface, highwall, and underground mining techniques in the following-described lands located in the east central portion of Carbon County approximately 10 miles southeast of Hanna, Wyoming, and about 3 miles north-northeast of Elk Mountain just north of the Medicine Bow River:

- T. 20 N., R. 79 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 6: Lot 6;
T. 21 N., R. 79 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 20: Lots 1-10, NWNW, SWSW;
Sec. 30: Lots 5-20;
Sec. 32: Lots 2-5;
T. 20 N., R. 80 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 4: Lots 5-7;
Sec. 6: Lots 7, 8, 13-16;
Sec. 12: Lots 1 (N2), 2 (N2 & SW), 3;
T. 21 N., R. 80 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 22: Lots 1-16;
Sec. 24: Lots 1-16;
Sec. 26: Lots 1-16;
Sec. 28: Lots 1-12;
Sec. 32: Lots 1-6, 9-11;
Sec. 34: Lots 1-16.

Containing 5,205.565 acres.

There are no coal mining operations in the immediate area of the lease tract that would be able to include the LBA into an existing operation; therefore, development of the coal reserve will require a new mine start. There are no oil and gas wells or Federal oil and gas leases on the LBA tract.

The lease tract contains coal reserves in several seams but only the Johnson Group is considered to be economically recoverable. For mining purposes, the Johnson Group makes up a single seam on the lease tract. This seam averages just under 20 feet thick for the offered Federal coal but varies from about 8 feet thick at the outcrop in the southeast to about 28 feet thick underground in the northern portion of the proposed mine area. No significant splits or riders in this seam are apparent from current drilling information.

The overburden above the Johnson seam increases rapidly from the coal outcrop of the proposed mine area. The average stripping ratio for the LBA is 7.69:1 BCY/ton using a cut-off stripping ratio of 12:1 to define coal reserves recoverable by conventional surface mining techniques.

The LBA tract contains an estimated 65.78 million tons of recoverable coal using a combination of conventional surface, highwall, and underground

mining techniques. The overall average quality for the LBA coal is 11,262 BTU/lb, 8.8 percent moisture, 9.2 percent ash, and 0.54 percent sulfur. These quality averages place the LBA coal reserves at or above the coal quality for the nearby Hanna Basin mines.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid equals the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m., on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale.

If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale Official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

The 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 payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or augur mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW139975, are available for inspection at the Wyoming State Office.

August 16, 1999.

Michael Madrid,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals/Lands Authorizations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Region, Eastern Gulf of Mexico, Proposed Destin Dome 56 Unit Development and Production Plan and Right-of-Way Pipeline Application

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and locations and dates of public hearings for Chevron U.S.A. Inc.'s proposed Destin Dome 56 unit development and production plan offshore Florida and right-of-way pipeline application.

The MMS prepared a draft EIS on Chevron U.S.A. Inc.'s proposed natural gas development and production project on their Destin Dome 56 (DD56) Unit. The DD56 Unit is located on the Outer Continental Shelf approximately 26 miles from the Florida coastline near Pensacola. In November 1996, Chevron submitted a Development and Production Plan describing how they intend to produce, develop, and transport natural gas from the DD56 Unit. The MMS based the EIS analyses on estimates of the kinds and amounts of activity onshore and offshore that could result from constructing structures, drilling wells, transporting personnel and equipment offshore, and constructing pipeline facilities to bring the natural gas product to shore.

You may obtain single copies of the draft EIS from the MMS, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS-5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or by calling 1-800-200-GULF. You may look at copies of the draft EIS in the following libraries:

Auburn University at Montgomery Library, 7300 University Drive, Montgomery, Alabama
Gulf Shores Public Library, Municipal Complex, Route 3, Gulf Shores, Alabama Marine Environmental Science Consortium, Dauphin Island Sea Lab Library Dauphin Island, Alabama
Mobile Public Library, 701 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama
Montgomery Public Library, 445 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama
Thomas B. Norton Public Library, 221 West 19th Avenue, Gulf Shores, Alabama
University of Alabama Libraries, 809 University Boulevard, Tuscaloosa Alabama