

This notice is also to inform the public and permittees that any unauthorized livestock grazing upon public land or other lands under the BLM's control is in violation of 43 CFR 4140.1(b)(1) and may be impounded. The unauthorized livestock may be impounded after five days from delivery of this notice or any time after five days from publishing and posting this notice. Unauthorized livestock within the Warm Springs and the Houtz Canyon allotments, may be impounded without further notice any time in the 12-month period beginning five days from receipt of this notice as authorized by 43 CFR 4150.4-2. This notice is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-1 (a) and (b); any impoundment of unauthorized livestock in connection with this notice will be done in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-2. Pursuant to 43 CFR 4150.4-4, any owner or his agent, or both, or lienholder of record of the impounded livestock may redeem them under these regulations or, if a suitable agreement is in effect, in accordance with State law, prior to the time of sale upon settlement with the United States under Sec. 4150.3 or adequate showing that there has been no violation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The area of closure is located in the northwestern portion of Rockland Valley, within the above mentioned allotments and more specifically described wholly or partially in T. 10 S., R. 29 E., secs. 12, 13, 24, and 25; T. 10 S., R. 30 E., secs. 7, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32; Detailed maps of the area closed to livestock grazing are available at the Malad Field Station, Malad, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Malad Field Station, 138 S. Main, Malad, ID 83252 or the Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Jeff Steele,

Pocatello Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-00-1320-EL-P; MTM 90308]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 90308.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with

Spring Creek Coal Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands located in Big Horn County, Montana, encompassing 520.00 acres:

T. 8 S., R. 39 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 14: E½SE¼

Sec. 21: SE¼

Sec. 22: SW¼SW¼

Sec. 23: N½NE¼

Sec. 24: N½NW¼

T. 8 S., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 30: S½SE¼

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, *in writing*, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800; and Spring Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box 67, Decker, Montana 59025. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 90308 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Sheridan Press* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Sheridan Press*, Sheridan, Wyoming.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Spring Creek Coal Company, is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

either Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Bettie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59017-6800, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5063, respectively.

Date: September 6, 2000.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-EL]

Powder River Regional Coal Team Activities: Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) has scheduled a public meeting for October 25, 2000, to review current and proposed activities in the Powder River Coal Region and to review pending coal lease applications (LBA).

DATES: The RCT meeting will begin at 9 a.m. M.D.T. on Wednesday, October 25, 2000. The meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hitching Post Inn, 1700 W. Lincolnway, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, 307-638-3301. Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mel Schlagel, Wyoming State Office, P.O. Box 1828, MS-922, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, telephone 307-775-6257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending coal lease by applications (LBA) in the Powder River Basin. Specific topics for the Powder River (RCT) to consider are:

1. *North Jacobs Ranch LBA.* A follow-up discussion on the North Jacobs Ranch LBA (Kennecott) is needed. This LBA was discussed at the February 1998 RCT meeting in Billings and again at the 1999 RCT meeting in Gillette. Several items such as coal and oil and gas conflicts need further followup by the RCT.

2. *Belle Ayr LBA.* The Belle Ayr Mine (RAG) recently requested accelerated processing for a portion of the original Belle Ayr LBA. The original LBA contained approximately 1,335.39 acres with approximately 171 million tons of Federal coal. The accelerated lease application reduced the original LBA by 243.61 acres and 29 million tons of Federal coal. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the accelerated lease application and to reschedule the original Belle Ayr LBA.

3. *State Section LBA.* This new LBA, filed by Evergreen Enterprises, is for 8,494.13 acres with approximately 712.1 million tons of Federal coal. Approximately 4,741 acres and 519 million tons of Federal coal within this LBA overlap with the North Jacobs Ranch LBA. The RCT needs to consider

the processing schedule for the State Section LBA.

4. *NARO LBA*. This is a new LBA filed by the Powder River Coal Company (Peabody) for the North Antelope Rochelle Mine. Approximately 4,501 acres and 564 million tons of Federal coal are involved. The Powder River Coal Company also has a small lease modification pending (WYW136142). The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the NARO LBA.

5. *Little Thunder Creek LBA*. This new LBA, filed by Ark Land Company, is for the Black Thunder Mine. Approximately 2,709.5 acres and 383.6 million tons of Federal coal are involved. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the Little Thunder Creek LBA.

6. *West Roundup LBA*. Triton Coal Company filed this new LBA for the North Rochelle Mine. Approximately 1,869.12 acres and 173.2 million tons of Federal coal are involved. Triton Coal also has a small lease modification pending (WYW127221). The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the West Roundup LBA.

7. *North Hay Creek Tract*. Triton Coal Company filed this new LBA for the Buckskin Mine. Approximately 1,015.51 acres and 135 million tons of Federal coal are involved. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the North Hay Creek Tract.

8. Any other LBAs filed before the October 25, 2000, meeting.

The RCT may generate recommendation(s) for any or all of these topics:

Any party interested in providing comments or data related to the above pending applications may either do so in writing to the State Director (925), Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, no later than October 13, 2000, or by addressing the RCT with his/her concerns at the meeting on October 25, 2000.

The draft agenda for the meeting follows:

1. Introduction of RCT Members and guests.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 1999, Regional Coal Team meeting held in Gillette, Wyoming.

3. Industry Presentations:

—Jacobs Ranch Coal Company
—Belle Ayr Coal Company
—Evergreen Enterprises
—Powder River Coal Company
—Ark Land Company
—Triton Coal Company

4. Other pending coal action updates

5. RCT Activity Planning
Recommendations

—Review and recommendation(s) on pending Lease Application(s).

6. Discussion of the next meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-00-1020-PB]

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on October 12 and 13, 2000, at the Copper Manor Motel, 710 Silver Heights Blvd, Silver City, NM 88062.

There will be an optional all day field trip on Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Transportation will be provided for RAC members. The optional field trip will be organized by the Las Cruces Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and hosted by Phelps Dodge Mining Company, which operates the Chino, Tyrone and Cobre mines near Silver City.

The Field Tour will leave from the Copper Manor Motel at 8:00 a.m. and proceed to the Gila River area near Cliff, NM. Mr. Thomas L. Shelley, Manager of Environmental Services at Phelps Dodge Tyrone, Inc., will provide a tour of Southwestern Willow Flycatcher habitat managed by the Tyrone Mine. The Southwestern Willow Flycatcher is a small, migratory bird classified as endangered by the Endangered Species Act. This portion of the Gila River valley is home to the largest known population of this species. The tour will proceed to the Chino Mine. An overview presentation of the Chino facility will be given. The Chino Mine will be toured during the afternoon. The tour will return to Silver City by 5:00 p.m.

The meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2000, starts at 8:00 a.m. and will end about 5:00 p.m.

The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon

or evening meetings on this day. The exact time and location of the Subcommittee meetings will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee earlier in the day during the RAC meeting. On Friday, October 13, 2000, the meeting starts at 8:00 a.m. and will end about 3:00 p.m. The ending time of 3:00 p.m. may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC. The draft agenda for the RAC meeting includes agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft minutes of the last RAC meeting on August 23 through 25, 2000, in Gallup, NM, a check-in from the RAC members and the following planned presentations that also include discussion: A brief review of the OHV issue which was discussed in depth at the last meeting, an overview by Joseph Brunner, Manager of Environmental Services, Chino Mine Services, of a project to study the impacts of historic mining operations on human health and the environment in and around the Santa Rita Mine, and to remediate those impacts, and a presentation by Eddie Humphrey, Manager of Environmental remediation at the Pinos Altos Mine Reclamation Project, a small underground mine near Silver City. The Bureau of Land Management and the State of New Mexico will also provide speakers on the main topics. Jon Borne, New Mexico State University, Regional Task Force on the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher has been invited, as well a speaker from New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

The meeting is open to the public, and starting at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2000, there will be an additional 15 minute Public Comment Period for members of the public who are not able to be present for the regular Public Comment Period on Friday, October 13, to address the RAC. The meeting on Friday, August 25 will start at 8:00 a.m. with a review of the agenda thus far. At 8:15 a.m., BLM State of the Field Office Reports will take place, presented by Field Office managers with a concentration on conditions of grazing allotments, community based planning, abandoned mines, assessments of fundamentals (Standards and Guidelines).

The regular Public Comment Period for the Public to address the RAC is on Friday, August 25, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 12:00 noon depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. Anyone wishing to address the RAC should be present at the 10:00 a.m. starting time. The length of time