

week extension for submitting applications.

No Other Changes to the November 30, 1995 Notice

No other changes are made to the November 30, 1995 notice by this supplementary notice.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

Michael A. Stegman,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P]

Notice for Publication, AA-76941; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision approving lands for conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 19(b) of the Alaska Land Status Technical Corrections Act of October 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 2112, 2126, and Sec. 14(h)(5) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(5), will be issued to Ethel Lorene Ellis, Personal Representative of the estate of Jack John Justin, deceased, for approximately 160 acres. The lands involved are located in T. 7 N., R. 14 E., Copper River Meridian, in the vicinity of Nabesna, Alaska.

Notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Anchorage Daily News. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until February 20, 1996 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart

E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Christy Favorite,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Adjudication Team, Branch of Gulf Rim Adjudication.

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[CO-933-96-1320-01; COC 54608]

Notice of Coal Lease Re-Offering by Sealed Bid; COC 54608

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that certain coal resources in the lands hereinafter described in Routt County, Colorado, will be re-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.*). On August 18, 1995, these resources were re-offered for competitive lease by sealed bid to the highest qualified bidder provided that the high bid met the fair market value of the coal resources as determined by the authorized officer after the sale. Cyprus Western Coal Company was the only bidder. The bid did not meet the fair market value established for this tract. Therefore, the bid was rejected, the tract re-offered and a third sale scheduled for November 16, 1995. The sale was not held due to the furlough of Federal government employees but was rescheduled for December 22. The sale was not held due to the second furlough of Federal government employees. The coal sale is re-scheduled for January 25, 1996.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 1996. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 10 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, First Floor, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Purvis at (303) 239-3795.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder submitting the highest offer, provided that the high bid meets the fair market value determination of the coal

resource. The minimum bid for this tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid less than \$100 per acre or fraction thereof will be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value.

Sealed bids received after the time specified above will not be considered.

In the event identical high sealed bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up 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.

Fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

Coal Offered: The coal resource to be offered is limited to coal recoverable by underground mining methods in the Wadge seam on the Twenty Mile Tract in the following lands;

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 5 N., R. 86 W.,

Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 23, all;

Sec. 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 28, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The land described contains 2,600 acres, more or less.

The recoverable reserves have been adjusted down to 23.87 million tons to account for coal purchased by Cyprus Western Coal Company for two mineral R/W's. The Wadge seam underground minable coal is ranked as high volatile C bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality for the Wadge seam on an as-received basis is as follows:

Btu.....	11.745 Btu/lb.
Moisture.....	7.76%
Sulfur Content.....	0.48%
Ash Content.....	8.80%

Rental and Royalty: The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.

Notice of Availability: Bidding instruction for the offered tract are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the Colorado State Office at the address given above. The case file is available for inspection in the Public Room, Colorado State Office, during normal business hours at the address given above.

Dated: January 8, 1996.

Karen A. Purvis,

Solid Minerals Team, Resources Services.

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[WY-010-1050-00]

Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Titled, "Management for the Big Cedar Ridge Fossil Plant Area," for Public Review and Comment

SUMMARY: The EA for the management of the Big Cedar Ridge Fossil Plant Area documents the planning review and analysis of five alternatives for managing the area, including the Bureau of Land Management's preferred alternative. The planning review area is comprised of about 1,550 acres of BLM-administered public land in Washakie County, Wyoming, and in the Bighorn Basin Resource Area of the BLM's Worland District. Fossil concentration areas, including the discovery site, are found on about 260 acres within the review area.

The planning review is being conducted to evaluate the management needs and issues associated with the discovery of a complete and preserved in-place Cretaceous fossil plant community. The area was discovered in 1990 by Dr. Scott Wing of the Smithsonian Institution. The objective of this planning review is to establish appropriate management of the fossil resources including adequate protection and opportunities for scientific research and public education. This discovery created significant interest within the academic community. Worldwide discoveries of such well preserved fossil plants of this age are rare, and the fossils are considered to be of great scientific importance.

The discovery was made approximately 3 years after the approval of the Washakie Resource Management Plan (RMP). A review of the RMP is needed to evaluate the adequacy of the existing decisions for the protection of paleontological resources in the review area. Management actions include continuing existing management that is generally consistent with the Washakie RMP but with management emphasis on enhancing opportunities for scientific research, public education, recreation, hobby collection of fossils, and closing the 260-acres of known fossil concentration areas to mineral location and pursuing a mineral location withdrawal. Based on preliminary analysis, BLM has established a temporary closure to the staking of

mining claims in the planning review area. As part of the planning review, BLM has collected information and conducted analyses described in the environmental assessment to determine whether a long-term closure is necessary for protection of the paleontological resources. Based on the results, the Washakie RMP will be amended, if necessary.

DATES: Comments on the adequacy of the EA and on the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) must be received no later than February 20, 1996. Comments should be directed to Dave Baker, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bighorn Basin Resource Area, or Bob Ross, Worland District Planner, at the address below.

During the same 30-day period, any protests on the proposed decision (the preferred alternative) and proposed amendment of the Washakie RMP may also be submitted (as provided in 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1610.5-2). All parts of the proposed decision may be protested. Protests should be sent to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-302 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240. They should include:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A statement of the part or parts of the proposed decision being protested.
- Copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning review process by the protesting party, or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record.
- A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be wrong.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Baker, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bighorn Basin Resource Area, or Bob Ross, Worland District Planner at P. O. Box 119, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119, phone 307-347-9871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following the discovery of the Big Cedar Ridge Fossil Plant Area, the BLM completed a temporary management plan for the lands in and around the fossil discovery area. Protective measures have been initiated and have been in effect pending completion of this planning review. This review includes opportunities for public participation.

The steps followed for this planning review are:

1. An interdisciplinary planning team describes and analyzes the existing

management in the planning review area and describes the affected environment.

2. A notice of intent to conduct the planning review is published in the Federal Register informing the public of known and anticipated issues and of opportunities for public participation and comment.

3. Public contacts and meetings are held for scoping and development of the preliminary issues and alternatives.

4. With the help of the public, management alternatives for the area are formulated and analyzed and the BLM's preferred alternative is identified.

5. The alternatives, including the BLM's preferred alternative, and their environmental consequences are described in the EA and the EA is issued for public review and comment. We are now at this step of the process. A 30-day period will be provided for reviewing and commenting on the EA and the FONSI and for submitting protests on any proposed decisions to be added to or changed in the Washakie RMP.

6. The EA will then be revised, if necessary, and a decision record will be issued. If necessary, the decision record will identify and include any needed amendment to the Washakie RMP.

Based on the public's input and analysis by the BLM interdisciplinary team, the following issues were identified:

1. Whether or not there is a need to protect the important paleontological resources in the review area from being damaged by surface-disturbing activities, and whether withdrawing the area from filing of mining claims and mining activity would be necessary.

2. Whether or not the area should be designated an area of critical environmental concern (ACEC).

3. Whether or not the area should be managed primarily for scientific research, public education, and recreation.

The five alternatives analyzed in the EA are:

1. No action (continuation of existing management).

2. Continue existing management and pursue a 260-acre mineral location withdrawal on the known fossil concentration areas.

3. Designate a 1,550-acre ACEC.

4. Designate a 1,550-acre ACEC and pursue a 260-acre mineral location withdrawal on the known fossil concentration areas.

5. Designate an ACEC, pursue a mineral location withdrawal on the 260-acre known fossil concentration areas, and dedicate the area to research and public education.