

Some goals of the FMP are to identify fire management strategies to achieve desired resource conditions, and reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfires through the management of fuels, while reducing overall wildland fire management costs.

The public is invited to participate in the identification of issues related to the management of fire in the Salt Lake District. Anticipated issues for the plan amendment are:

- Protection of human life.
- Protection of property.
- Protection of natural/cultural resources.
- Safe re-introduction of fire into natural ecosystems.
- Reducing the cost of fire suppression.
- Integration of fire and resource management strategies.
- Air Quality.
- Recreation.
- Watershed management.
- Livestock grazing.
- Visual resources.
- Wildlife habitat.

An EA will be prepared to analyze the impacts of this proposal and alternatives. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the amendment addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of lands within the Salt Lake District.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

**Douglas M. Koza,**

*Acting State Director, Utah.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent to Amend Farmington District Resources Management Plan; New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington District, is preparing a Resource Management Plan Amendment and an Environmental Assessment (EA) for BLM-managed 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 November 14, 1997. The BLM will hold a public scoping meeting at which time oral comments and suggestions will be accepted. This notice is to solicit coal resource information and indications of other interest and needs pursuant to 43 CFR 3420.1-2 and 3500, for inclusion in the Farmington Resources Management Plan (RMP). The public and all local, and state governments are encouraged to participate.

**DATES:** Comments relating to the identification of additional issues, and responses to this call for coal resource information will be accepted through November 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests to be included on the mailing list 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:** Charlie Beecham, Farmington District BLM, (505) 599-6370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed Farmington RMP amendment is to allow coal leasing and development for the Federal coal lease application located in:

#### New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 30 N., R. 14 W.

Secs. 17-20, inclusive;

Secs. 29-30, inclusive;

Sec. 31, lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The proposed lease contains 4,483.88 acres, more or less, in San Juan County, New Mexico.

The proposed mining method for the applied for lands is an underground longwall operation.

This planning issue is presented for public hearing and is subject to change based upon such public hearing. Comments should be received by CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 14, 1997. The planning team will seek public involvement throughout the planning amendment process. A formal public hearing/open house will be held to provide the public an opportunity to participate in this Amendment effort.

Notice is hereby given that the public hearing will start at 6:00 p.m. and is scheduled for October 21, 1997, at the Farmington City Council Chambers at 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico.

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

Farmington District Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico.

The final RMP amendment documents will be available upon request.

Dated: October 1, 1997.

**John Phillips,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent to Issue a Concession Contract at Grand Teton National Park

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing the continued operation of a rustic dude ranch located within the Triangle X area of Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2007.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** On or before October 17, 1997, a notice will be published in the Commerce Business Daily. The official release date of the Prospectus shall be the date of publication in the Commerce Business Daily. Anyone interested in making an offer for the new contract must do so within 90 days of the date of publication of the Commerce Business Daily announcement.

**ADDRESS:** Interested parties should contact the Concessions Division, Grand Teton National Park, P.O. Box 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012, to obtain a copy of the Prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The contract will be for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2007. This ten (10) year term is conditioned upon the Concessioner's completion of a Building and Improvement Program which requires the construction of guest cabins and employee housing. In the event the Concessioner fails to complete this program to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Interior within four (4) years following the execution of the contract, the contract term shall be for the term of five (5) years from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002.