

acres. This is the initial public notification of the pending applications listed above, in accordance with the "Powder River Operational Guidelines" (1991). Generally, a coal lease application filed under the LBA portion of BLM regulations (43 CFR 3425) takes 2-4 years to be processed to the competitive sale stage, depending on informational and environmental study requirements. The RCT may generate recommendation(s) for any or all of the new and pending LBAs.

The meeting will serve as a forum for public discussion on Federal coal management issues of concern in the Powder River Basin region. 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 February 12, 1999, or by addressing the RCT with his/her concerns at the meeting on February 23, 1999. The draft agenda for the meeting follows.

1. Introduction of RCT Members and guests.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 1997, RCT meeting held in Casper, WY.

3. Regional Coal Activity Status:

a. Current Production and Trend.

b. Activity Since Last RCT Meeting.

c. Status of pending LBAs previously reviewed by RCT:

—North Rochelle LBA—WYW127221

—Powder River—WYW136142

—Thundercloud—WYW136458

—Belle Ayr—WYW141568

d. Status of the Belco/Hay Creek Coal Exchange.

e. Environmental Status Check update.

f. Wetlands Unsuitability Criteria update.

g. Status of Coal Leasing Potential Report.

4. Lease Applicant Presentations:

—Spring Creek Coal Company

—Jacobs Ranch Coal Company

5. RCT Activity Planning Recommendations

—Review and recommendation(s) on pending lease Application(s)

6. Discussion of the next meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-1310-00]

Notice of Intent for Planning Analyses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

SUMMARY: The Jackson Field Office, Eastern States, will prepare a Planning Analyses (PA) for consideration of leasing two scattered tracts of Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. The PAs will be prepared in concert with Environmental Analyses (EA).

The notice is issued pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.7 and Title 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 1600.

The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

DATES: Comments relating to the identification of planning issues and criteria will be accepted through February 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Quazi T. Islam, Physical Scientist, Jackson Field Office, (601) 977-5473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM has responsibility to consider applications to lease Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. An interdisciplinary team will be used in preparation of the PA/EAs. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on the surface resources and (2) consideration of restrictions on lease rights to protect surface resources.

Due to the scattered nature of the two tracts proposed for leasing, a separate analysis will be prepared for each tract. Tract locations, along with acreages, are listed below.

Alabama, Conecuh County, St. Stephens Meridian,

T 6 N, R 9 E, Section 33; 53 acres more or less.

Mississippi, Lowndes County, Huntsville Meridian,

T 16 N, R 18 W, Sections 31 and 32; T 16 S, R 19 W, Section 36; and T 17 S, R 18 W, Section 5; all within the boundary of the Columbus Air Force Base containing 1381.5 acres more or less.

Due to the limited scope of this PA/EA process, public meetings are not scheduled.

Bruce E. Dawson,

Field Manager, Jackson.

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Arizona: Notice of Realty Action; Competitive Sale of Public Land in Quartzsite, La Paz County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of notice.

SUMMARY: The following land in La Paz County, Arizona, has been found suitable for disposal under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713). The extension will allow additional time to complete the sale.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 4N., R. 19W.,

Sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 29, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Aggregating 260.00 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 1996, the Yuma Field Office published a notice for this public land sale in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 67342). This notice segregated the subject public land from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of the action or 270 days from the date of publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**. An Extension of the Notice for segregation was published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1997 (62 FR 49701). A second Extension of the Notice for segregation was published in the **Federal Register** on June 1, 1998 (63 FR 29746).

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** that segregation will be extended pending disposition of the action or for another 270 day period, whichever occurs first.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie DeBock, Realty Specialist, Yuma Field Office, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, AZ 85365, (520) 317-3208.