

vegetation shoulder to shoulder (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Travel via foot or bicycle will be allowed on roads that have been closed due to the extreme fire danger.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building; at an improved place of habitation; at a developed, designated recreation site or campground; or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Use of chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding/wood cutting, road-building, and other high fire risk operations is prohibited. Exceptions are helicopter yarding and earth moving on areas of cleared and bare soil. Sawing incidental to loading operations on cleared landings is not necessarily restricted (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Welding, blasting (except seismic operations confined by ten or more feet of soil, sand or cuttings), and other activities with a high potential for causing wildland fires are prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

A patrol is required for a period of two hours following the cessation of all work activity. The patrol person's responsibilities include checking for compliance with required fire precautions.

Exemptions

Exemptions to the above prohibitions are allowed only for any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue, firefighting force or law enforcement in the performance of an official duty, or persons with a permit or written authorization allowing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Authority for these prohibitions is pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*), Sections 302(b) and 301(a); and Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9210 (Fire Management), Subpart 9212 (Wildfire Prevention).

These restrictions will become effective at 12:01 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, Thursday, August 31, 2000, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

DATES: Restrictions go into effect at 12:01 am on Thursday, August 31, 2000, and will remain in effect until further notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to BLM Montana State Director, Attention:

Pat Mullaney, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Mullaney, Fire Management Specialist, 406-896-2915.

Dated: August 30, 2000.

Roberta A. Moltzen,
Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-00-1320-EL-P; NDM 90322]

Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application NDM 90322

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application NDM 90322.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with The Coteau Properties Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands located in Mercer County, North Dakota:

T. 145 N., R. 86 W., 5th P.M.

Sec. 4: Lots 3, 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 144 N. R. 88 W., 5th P.M.

Sec. 4: Lots 1, 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$

Sec. 6: Lots 1, 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ less 4.34 acres described by metes and bounds, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 8: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 145 N., R. 88 W., 5th P.M.

Sec. 4: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 10: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Sec. 28: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$

1,920.94 acres.

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 The Coteau Properties Company, 2000 Schafer Street, Suite D, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502. Such written notice must refer to serial number NDM 90322 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 *Beulah Beacon* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Beulah Beacon*, Beulah, North Dakota.

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 The Coteau Properties 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 Stephen Van Matre, 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) 896-5082 or (406) 896-5063, respectively.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

Randy D. Heuscher,
Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-010-1310-EU; NM 101522/G010-G0-00254]

Notice of Intent To Prepare Two Environmental Impact Statements and Conduct Scoping Meeting; Land Exchanges With the Pueblos of Santo Domingo and San Felipe, Sandoval and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice (AMENDMENT). **Federal Register** Notice (64 FR 216) published in the issue dated November 9, 1999 is amended to include the following additional federal lands:

New Mexico Principle Meridian

T. 12 N., R. 6 E.,

Sec. 7, lots 3 to 6, inclusive;

Sec. 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

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

Sec. 22, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, lots 1 to 4, inclusive.

Containing 1,477 acres, more or less.

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Deborah Charley,
Acting Albuquerque Field Manager.

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