

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Establishment and Availability of Final Boundary for Crooked Wild and Scenic River, Segment B, Prineville District, Crook County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Bureau of Land Management, Washington Office, is providing notice of the establishment and availability of the final boundary of the Crooked National Wild and Scenic River, Segment B, and of the transmittal of the boundary package to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Benkosky, District Manager, BLM Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, 541-416-6700. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individuals during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Crooked Wild and Scenic River, Segment B boundary is available for public inspection at the following offices: Bureau of Land Management, National Landscape Conservation System, 20 M Street SE., Washington, DC 20036, 202-912-7624; Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, 503-808-6001; Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, 541-416-6700.

The Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-557) of October 28, 1988, designated the Crooked River, Segment B, Oregon, as a National Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior. Segment B was described as: "the 8-mile segment from Bowman Dam to dry Creek as a recreational river."

A proposed boundary for the Crooked Wild and Scenic River, Segment B, was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, December 11, 1989 (54 FR 50825). The proposed administrative boundary was also transmitted to Congress on January 2, 1990. The

boundary began at the Bowman Dam and extended downstream for 8 miles.

The Crooked River Collaborative Water Security and Jobs Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-244) amended the proposed boundary for the Crooked Wild and Scenic River, Segment B, by describing it as: "The 7.75-mile segment from a point 1/4-mile downstream from the center crest of the Bowman Dam, as a recreational river." As specified by law, the final boundary becomes effective 90 days after transmittal to Congress, which occurred on October 14, 2015.

Jerome E. Perez,

State Director, Oregon/Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Invitation To Participate Coal Exploration License Application MTM 107855, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Decker Coal Company, LLC on a pro rata cost sharing basis in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Big Horn County, Montana, encompassing 12,618.11 acres.

DATES: Any party seeking to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Decker Coal Company, LLC as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below no later than March 30, 2016 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 2 consecutive weeks in the *Sheridan Press*, Sheridan, Wyoming. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 107885.

ADDRESSES: The proposed exploration license and plan are available for review from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the public room at the BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101-4669. The exploration license application and

exploration plan are also available for viewing on the Montana State Office coal Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/prog/energy/coal.html>. A written notice to participate in the exploration licenses should be sent to the State Director, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101-4669, and Decker Coal Company, LLC, 170 Main Street, Suite 700, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1657.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Perlewitz, BLM Montana State Office, 406-896-5159, or by email at pperlewi@blm.gov; or Connie Schaff, BLM Montana State Office, 406-896-5060, or by email at cschaff@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Decker Coal Company, LLC has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public lands in Big Horn County, Montana. The exploration activities will be performed pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations at 43 CFR part 3410. The purpose of the exploration program is to gain additional geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the coal resources. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c) require the publication of an invitation to participate in coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The lands to be explored for coal deposits in exploration license MTM 107885 are described as follows:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 9 S., R. 39 E.,

Secs. 12 through 14 and secs. 23 through 26;

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

Sec. 27, W¹/₂ SW¹/₄ and SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄;

Sec. 28, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NW¹/₄, and S¹/₂;

Sec. 29, S¹/₂;

Sec. 32, SW¹/₄;

Sec. 34, W¹/₂ NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, N¹/₂ NE¹/₄

NW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄;

T. 9 S., R. 40 E.,

Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄,

E¹/₂ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄;

Sec. 4, lot 4, SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄;

Sec. 5, lots 1 through 4, S¹/₂ N¹/₄, S¹/₂

NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄, N¹/₂ SE¹/₄, and SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄;

Sec. 7;

Sec. 8, NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄,

NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄,

and NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄;

Sec. 11, N¹/₂ NE¹/₄, and NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄;