

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

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**Notice of Availability of the
Environmental Assessment for Federal
Coal Lease Application NDM-107039,
McLean County, ND, Notice of Public
Hearing and Request for Comment on
Environmental Assessment, Maximum
Economic Recovery, and Fair Market
Value**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with applicable regulations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), North Dakota Field Office (NDFO) is publishing this notice announcing the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Falkirk Mining Company (Falkirk) Federal Coal Lease-By-Application (LBA) EA serial NDM-107039, for public review and comment. The BLM is also announcing that it will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the EA, Fair Market Value (FMV) for the LBA tract, and Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the coal resources contained in the proposed Falkirk LBA lease tract.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on January 10, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Written comments must be received no later than January 26, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Underwood City Hall, 88 Lincoln Avenue, Underwood, ND 58576. Copies of the EA are available at the BLM North Dakota Field Office (NDFO) at the address below. The time, date, and location of the public hearing will also be announced in advance through local media outlets and through the North Dakota BLM Web site at: <http://bit.ly/2hz2FS9>.

You may submit written comments related to the Falkirk EA, FMV, and MER by any of the following methods:

- Email: [BLM MT North Dakota Falkirk_LBA@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_MT_North_Dakota_Falkirk_LBA@blm.gov);
- Fax: 701-227-7701; or
- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, North Dakota Field Office, Falkirk LBA NDM-107039, Attention: Dorothy Van Oss, Geologist, 99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601.

Please note "Coal Lease by Application NDM-107039" in the subject line for correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy Van Oss, Geologist; telephone

(406) 233-3655 or at the address and email provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question for Dorothy Van Oss. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 13, 2013, Falkirk submitted an application to lease an approximately 320-acre tract of Federal coal located in McLean County, North Dakota. The BLM's EA analyzes and discloses the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of leasing, and subsequent mining, the proposed 320-acre coal tract. The tract contains approximately 3.4 million tons of mineable coal (1.7 million of which is Federal Coal). The tract is located approximately 1.2 miles from the town of Underwood. It underlies private surface and is described as follows:

Fifth Principal Meridian North Dakota

T. 146 N., R. 82 W., sec 10, E1/2.

The area described contains approximately 320 acres.

Through this notice the BLM is inviting the public to provide comments regarding the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action, and also to submit comments on the FMV and MER for the Falkirk tract. All public comments, whether written or oral, will receive consideration prior to the BLM offering the lease for sale. Public comments on the EA should address the environmental impacts of the proposed action. Public comments on the FMV and MER for the proposed lease tract may address, but do not necessarily have to be limited to, the following:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resource;
2. The mining method or methods that would achieve MER of the coal, including specifications of seams to be mined, timing and rate of production, restriction of mining, and the inclusion of the tracts in an existing mining operation;
3. The price that the mined coal would bring when sold;
4. Costs, including mining and reclamation costs, of producing the coal and the anticipated timing of production;
5. The percentage rate at which anticipated income streams should be discounted, either with inflation or in the absence of inflation, in which case the anticipated rate of inflation should be given;

6. Depreciation, depletion, amortization and other tax accounting factors;

7. The value of any surface estate where held privately;

8. Documentation of the terms and conditions of recent and similar coal land transactions in the lease sale area; and

9. Any comparable sales data for similar coal lands and coal quantities.

Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the BLM as part of any public comments. Data so marked will be treated in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on the EA, FMV, and MER for the tract, except those portions identified as proprietary that meet one of the exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the BLM, NDFO, 99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A, Dickinson, North Dakota, during regular business hours (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

The proposed action announced in the notice are consistent with Secretarial Order (S.O.) 3338, which allows preparatory work, including National Environmental Policy Act and other related analysis, on already-pending applications to continue, while the BLM's programmatic review of the Federal coal program is pending. Additionally, the BLM has also determined that the lease application is not subject to the S.O.'s leasing pause because it qualifies for an exclusion under Section 6(a) of the Order based on the emergency leasing provisions of 43 CFR 3425.1-4. Falkirk's application satisfies the emergency leasing criteria because the coal covered by the application: (1) Is needed within 3 years; (2) Constitutes less than 8 years of recoverable reserves; and (3) Is needed for coal supply contracts that were signed prior to 1979. It should also be noted that when the application was originally submitted in 2013, it was submitted as an emergency application. The determination that the application is eligible for an exclusion from the S.O. means that the coal covered by the application can be offered for sale prior to the conclusion of the BLM's programmatic review.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment

to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 43 CFR 3425.3, and 3425.4

Allen Ollila,

Acting Field Manager, North Dakota.

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Notice of Public Meeting for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (EWRAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The EWRAC will hold a public meeting Wednesday, February 8th, 2017. The meeting will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the BLM Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane Valley, WA 99212. A public comment period will be available in the afternoon from noon until 1 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Clark, Spokane District Public Affairs Officer, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane Valley, WA 99212, (509) 536-1297, or jeffclark@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. This service 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: The fifteen member EWRAC was chartered to provide information and advice regarding the use and development of the lands administered by the Spokane District in central and eastern Washington. Members represent an array of stakeholder interests in the land and resources from within the local area and statewide. All advisory council meetings are open to the public. At

noon members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the EWRAC during a one hour public comment period. Persons wishing to make comments during the public comment period should register in person with the BLM by 11 a.m. on the meeting day, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, the length of comments may be limited. The public may send written comments to the EWRAC at BLM Spokane District, Attn. EWRAC, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane Valley, WA 99212. The BLM appreciates all comments.

Linda Clark,

Spokane District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Application for Designation as National Recreation Trail or National Water Trail

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service, NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this IC. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before January 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 242, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or madonna_baucum@nps.gov (email). Please include "1024-New NRT NWTS" in the subject line of your comments. You may review the ICR

online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For National Recreation Trails, contact Helen Scully, National Trails System Program Specialist/National Recreation Trails Coordinator for the Department of the Interior; 1849 C Street NW., Org Code 2220, Washington, DC 20240; helen_scully@nps.gov (email); (202) 354-6910 (phone); or (202) 371-5179 (fax). For National Water Trails, contact Corita Waters, NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program; 1849 C Street NW., Org Code 2220, Washington, DC 20240; corita_waters@nps.gov (email); (202) 354-6908 (phone); or (202) 371-5179 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this information collection is to assist the National Park Service (NPS) in submitting suitable trails or trail systems to the Secretary of the Interior for designation as National Recreation Trails (NRTs), and in recommending exemplary water trails to the Secretary of the Interior for designation as National Water Trails (NWTs) to be included in the National Water Trails System (NWTS). The NPS administers the NRT program by authority of section 4 of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1243). Secretarial Order No. 3319 established National Water Trails as a class of National Recreation Trails and directed that such trails collectively be considered in a National Water Trails System.

National Recreation Trail designation provides national recognition to local and regional trails or trail systems, acknowledging local and state efforts to build and maintain viable trails and trail systems. This recognition function is shared by the Secretary of Agriculture (for trails on National Forest lands and waters) and the Secretary of the Interior (for all other trails).

The National Water Trails System is focused on building a national network of exceptional water trails that can be sustained by an ever growing and vibrant water trail community. The NWTS connects Americans to the nation's waterways and strengthens the conservation and restoration of those waterways. Best management practices provide high quality water-based outdoor recreational opportunities.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None.