

regulations adopted as 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Bowie Resources, LLC, on a pro rata cost sharing basis in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Delta County, Colorado:

T. 12 S., R. 91 W., 6th P.M.  
Sec. 23; N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
Lots 4 and 5, inclusive.  
Containing 244.12 acres.

**DATES:** Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bowie Resources, LLC, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan and license application (serialized under the number of COC-070996) are available for review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401. The written notice to participate in the exploration plan should be sent to both, Kurt M. Barton, CO-921, Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and, William A. Bear, Jr., Bowie Resources, LLC, P.O. Box 483, Paonia, Colorado 81428.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This coal exploration license will be issued by the BLM. The exploration program is fully described and is being conducted pursuant to an exploration plan approved by the BLM. The plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate. This notice of invitation to participate was published in *The Delta County Independent*, once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning the first week of April 2007 and in the **Federal Register**. The forgoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

**Kurt M. Barton,**  
*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy,  
Lands and Minerals.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-921-03-1320-EL; COC-071108]

#### Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Oxbow Mining, LLC. COC-071108; Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Oxbow Mining, LLC, on a pro rata cost sharing basis in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Gunnison County, Colorado:

T. 13 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M.  
Sec. 3, lots 5-12, 15, 16, inclusive;  
Sec. 4, lots 5-16, inclusive;  
Sec. 5, lots 5, 12, 13, 16, 19, inclusive.  
Containing 1,039.52 acres.

**DATES:** Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Oxbow Mining, LLC, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan and license application (serialized under the number of COC-071108) are available for review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401. The written notice to participate in the exploration plan should be sent to both, Kurt M. Barton, CO-921, Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and, Jim Kiger, Oxbow Mining, LLC, PO Box 535, Somerset, CO 81434.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This coal exploration license will be issued by the BLM. The exploration program is fully described and is being conducted pursuant to an exploration plan approved by the BLM. The plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate

exploration needs of persons seeking to participate. This notice of invitation to participate was published in *The Delta County Independent*, once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning the second week of May 2007. The forgoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

**Kurt M. Barton,**  
*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy,  
Lands and Minerals.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW137447]

#### Wyoming: Proposed Conversion of Unpatented Oil Placer Mining Claim Buffalo 19 WMC-71464 to Noncompetitive Oil and Gas Lease

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Conversion of Unpatented Oil Placer Mining Claim to Noncompetitive Oil and Gas Lease.

**SUMMARY:** The Mineral Leasing Act provides a means by which a mining claimant may seek to convert an oil placer mining claim to a noncompetitive oil and gas lease if the claim was deemed conclusively abandoned because of the claimant's failure to timely file certain assessment work filings required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). 30 U.S.C. 188(f). Since 1993, Congress has required annual maintenance fees in lieu of the assessment work filings required by FLPMA. On August 31, 1994, MW Petroleum Corporation and its co-claimants failed to pay the annual maintenance fee for oil placer mining claim, WMC-71464. On May 31, 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) notified MW Petroleum and its co-claimants that the oil placer mining claim was null and void by operation of law. On August 24, 1995, in accordance with the requirements outlined in 30 U.S.C. 188(f), MW Petroleum Corporation filed a petition for conversion of the abandoned unpatented oil placer mining claim to a noncompetitive oil and gas lease. The claim to be converted is the Buffalo 19 unpatented oil placer mining claim, which is located in Park County, Wyoming. The description of the land is as follows:

T. 48 N., R. 100 W., 6th PM, WY  
Sec. 35: SW  
Containing 160.00 acres.

The unpatented oil placer mining claim was validly located before February 24, 1920, and is currently producing gas. The mining claim was deemed null and void by operation of law because of the claimant's failure to timely pay the maintenance fee required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of August 10, 1993, Pub. L. No. 105-240, § 116. The statutory forfeiture date was August 31, 1994. MW Petroleum has shown to the BLM's satisfaction that its failure to pay the maintenance fee was inadvertent. In 1998, MW Petroleum Corporation and Apache Corporation merged into one company, known by the name Apache Corporation. Consequently, when issued, the lease will be issued to Apache Corporation. The lease will be effective August 31, 1994, the statutory date of abandonment of the mining claim. The BLM has not issued any other oil and gas lease affecting any of the lands covered by the abandoned oil placer mining claim. The prospective lessee has agreed to the noncompetitive oil and gas lease terms. The BLM has assigned serial number WYW 137447 to the proposed noncompetitive lease and will issue the lease thirty days after the publication date of this **Federal Register** notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The prospective lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. In addition, the prospective lessee has paid all back rental and royalties from September 1994, to the present. MW Petroleum Corporation has submitted production reports for the period from September 1994, to present. The production during this period was approximately 5,242 MCF of gas. The noncompetitive oil and gas lease will require rental at \$5 per acre or fraction thereof per year and royalty at the rate of 12½ percent.

**Pamela J. Lewis,**  
Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Regional Water Management Plan for the Sacramento River Contractors

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Water Management Plan for the Sacramento River Contractors (Regional Plan) is available for review. Participating Contractors include:

- Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District
- Meridian Farms Water Company
- Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- Sutter Mutual Water Company
- Provident Irrigation District
- Pelger Mutual Water Company
- Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District
- Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
- Reclamation District No. 108
- Reclamation District No. 1004

Under the authority of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Regional Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans for the Sacramento River Contractors (Regional Criteria) in 2004. The development and implementation of the Regional Criteria for the Sacramento Valley was an alternative pilot program to the current Standard Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Standard Criteria), as stated in the Water Conservation Administrative Proposal dated March 20, 1997. If the Contracting Officer deems this pilot program to be unsuccessful, the Regional Criteria will be discontinued. All subsequent Plans would then be evaluated under the current Standard Criteria. The above entities have developed the Regional Plan, which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of the Regional Criteria.

**DATES:** All public comments must be received by August 2, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Please mail comments to Ms. Laurie Sharp, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, 95825, or contact Ms. Sharp at 916-978-5232 (TDD 978-5608), or e-mail at [lsharp@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:lsharp@mp.usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Ms. Laurie Sharp at the telephone number or e-mail address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are inviting the public to comment on the preliminary (i.e., draft) determination of Regional Plan adequacy. In September 1995, the Department of the Interior (Interior) invited the public to identify any concerns they had regarding

implementation of the CVPIA (Title XXXIV of Public Law 102-575). To that end, Interior circulated a draft Administrative Proposal on Water Conservation Criteria on May 13, 1996. One concern that came to light was the applicability of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in different regions. Some water users had argued that it is inappropriate to establish a single set of criteria for water conservation plans in the CVP service area due to regional variations. In response to this comment, Interior developed Regional Criteria. The Regional Criteria state that the following are excepted from the requirement to prepare a Plan using these Regional Criteria:

- All contractors that receive only irrigation water from any Federal Reclamation project and deliver said water to less than 2,000 acres of land.
- All contractors that receive less than an annual average of 2,000 acre-feet from any Federal Reclamation project.

The Regional Plan contains the following information:

1. Description of the Region Covered by the Plan
2. Inventory of Water Resources
3. Identify Regional Water Measurement Program
4. Analyze Water Management Quantifiable Objectives (QOs)
5. Identify Actions to Implement and Achieve Proposed QOs
6. Establish Monitoring Program
7. Budget and Allocation of Regional Cost
8. Regional Plan Coordination
9. Five-Year Plan Revision Procedure

Reclamation evaluated the Regional Plan based on the Regional Criteria. A copy of the Regional Plan will be available for review at Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Office located in Sacramento, California, and the Northern California Area Office located in Willows, California. Comments received in response to this notice will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public inspection. Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you would like us to consider withholding this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted