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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-5420-M103]

#### Notice of Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest, Louisiana

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** New Way Investments, Inc. has submitted an application for a recordable disclaimer of interest pursuant to section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1745), and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 1864. A recordable disclaimer, if issued, will confirm that the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. This notice is intended to inform the public of the pending application.

**DATES:** A final decision on the merit of the application will not be made until 90 days after the date of publication of this notice. During the 90-day period, interested parties may submit comments on New Way Investments, Inc.'s application, with a reference to serial No. LAES 53473.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Theresa R. Coleman, Deputy State Director, Division of Land Resources, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ida V. Doup, Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153; 703-440-1541.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 5, 2005, New Way Investments, Inc. filed an application for disclaimer of interest for the lands described as follows:

Louisiana Meridian, Louisiana beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 47, T. 4 N., R. 3 W., Rapides Parish, Louisiana common with the Southeast corner of Section 36, T. 4 N., R. 4 W., Rapides Parish, Louisiana, for the point of beginning and thence proceed along the South line of Section 47, T. 4 N., R. 3 W., Rapides Parish, Louisiana, as recognized by Jerry Boswell on plat of survey dated September 30, 1992, South 89 degrees 11 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 2,206.27 feet to a point and corner; thence

proceed South 00 degrees 19 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 23.90 feet to a point on the North line of Section 6, T. 3 N., R. 3 W., as recognized by Jerry Boswell on plat of survey dated September 30, 1992, thence proceed along the North line of Section 6, T. 3 N., R. 3 W., as recognized by Jerry Boswell on plat of survey dated September 30, 1992, North 89 degrees 23 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 2,206.31 feet to a point and corner, thence proceed North 00 degrees 28 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 31.33 feet back to the point of beginning of the 1.40 acres tract shown on the Certificate of Survey by Jessie P. Lachney dated February 3, 2005.

Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States' review of the official survey records on file indicates that the line between Townships 3 and 4 North is a line common to both section 6 and section 47. There is no indication of a gap or hiatus. As lands for section 47, Township 4 North, Range 3 West and section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West have been patented into private ownership, it is the opinion of this office that the Federal government no longer has an interest in this 1.40-acre parcel. The proposed recordable disclaimer of interest, if issued, will state the United States does not have a valid interest in this land.

All persons who wish to present comments, suggestions, or objections, in connection with the pending application and proposed disclaimer may do so by writing to Theresa R. Coleman, Deputy State Director, Division of Land Resources, at the above address.

**Michael D. Nedd,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-921-06-5104-EL; COC 67514]

#### Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing for Coal Lease Application COC 67514. Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Twenty Mile Coal Company Coal Lease By Application COC 67514 Environmental Assessment and Federal Coal Notice of Public Hearing, and Request for Environmental Assessment, Maximum Economic Recovery Report, and Fair Market Value Comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3425.4, the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) is available and a public hearing will be held to lease Federal coal. The EA analyzes and discloses direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of issuing a Federal coal lease competitively for 200.36 acres in Routt County, Colorado. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments from the public on (1) The proposal to issue a Federal coal lease; (2) the proposed competitive lease sale; (3) the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the Federal coal; and (4) Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the Federal coal included in the Federal tract.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received no later than April 13, 2006. The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Little Snake Field Office Manager, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625 where copies of the EA are available for inspection or copies provided upon request. The public hearing will be held in the Routt County Commissioners Hearing Room, located in the Annex Building behind the Routt County Courthouse, at 136-6th St., Suite 206, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Field Office Manager, Little Snake Field Office at the address above, or by telephone at 970-826-5000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 14, 2004 Twenty Mile Coal Company applied for a Federal coal lease. The Federal tract was assigned case number COC 67514. The following lands are contained in the LBA:

T. 5 N., R. 86 W., 6th P.M.  
sec. 5, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing approximately 200.36 acres in Routt County, Colorado.

The EA analyzes environmental impacts that could result from leasing Federal coal and several alternatives. The alternatives considered are the no action alternative, and the proposed alternative to lease the coal. In accordance with Federal coal management regulations 43 CFR 3422 and 3425, not less than 30 days prior to the publication of a notice of sale, the Secretary shall solicit public comments on FMV appraisal and MER. BLM hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2006, at 7 p.m., at the Routt County Commissioners Hearing Room at the address given above. The coal resource

to be offered is limited to coal recoverable by underground mining methods. One purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comments on the EA and on the following items:

(1) The method of mining to be employed to obtain maximum economic recovery of the coal,

(2) The impact that mining the coal in the proposed leasehold may have on the area, and

(3) The methods of determining the fair market value of the coal to be offered.

In addition, the public is invited to submit written comments concerning the MER and FMV of the coal resource. Public comments will be utilized in establishing FMV for the coal resource in the described lands. Comments should address specific factors related to fair market value including, but not limited to:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resource.

2. The price that the mined coal would bring in the market place.

3. The cost of producing the coal.

4. The interest rate at which anticipated income streams would be discounted.

5. Depreciation and other accounting factors.

6. The mining method or methods which would achieve maximum economic recovery of the coal.

7. Documented information on the terms and conditions of recent and similar coal land transactions in the lease area, and

8. Any comparable sales data of similar coal lands in the lease area.

Written requests to testify orally at the March 30, 2006, public hearing should be received at the Little Snake Field Office prior to the close of business March 30, 2006. Those who indicate they wish to testify when they register at the hearing may have an opportunity if time is available.

As provided by 43 CFR 3422.1(a), proprietary data marked as confidential may be provided in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on FMV and MER, except those portions identified as proprietary and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), will be available for public inspection at the BLM office noted above. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the FOIA, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will

be honored to the extent allowed by the FOIA. All submissions from organizations, businesses and individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in its entirety. Written comments on the EA, MER, and FMV should be sent to the Little Snake Field Office at the above address prior to the close of business on April 13, 2006, the end of the 30 day public comment period.

Substantive comments, whether written or oral, will receive equal consideration prior to any lease offering. A copy of the EA, the case file, and the comments submitted by the public, except those portions identified as proprietary by the commenter and meeting exemptions stated in the FOIA, will be available for public inspection after June 1, 2006, at the Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado, 80215.

December 27, 2005.

**Karen Zurek,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[4310-32-P HAG-06-0036]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the John Day Basin Portion of the Central Oregon Resource Area and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Prineville District Office, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the John Day Basin, and by this notice is announcing public scoping meetings. The RMP will amend or replace certain decisions within the John Day RMP (1985) and the portions of the Two Rivers RMP (1986) and Baker RMP (1989) that guide the management of public lands located in the Planning Area.

**DATES:** The BLM will announce public scoping meetings through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/landuseplanning.htm> at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. We will

provide formal opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit scoping comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail:

[John\\_Day\\_Basin\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:John_Day_Basin_RMP@blm.gov).

- Fax: (541) 416-6798.

- Mail: BLM, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE 3rd St., Prineville, OR 97754.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM Prineville Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to have your name added to our mailing list, please contact Brent Ralston, Planning Team Leader, telephone (541) 416-6713; or e-mail: [John\\_Day\\_Basin\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:John_Day_Basin_RMP@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area is located in parts of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Grant, Wheeler, Jefferson, and Wasco Counties in the State of Oregon. This planning area encompasses approximately 452,000 acres of BLM-managed land. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The public scoping process identifies relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues also guide the planning process. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit formal scoping comments within 30 days after the last public meeting. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participants who wish to clarify the views they expressed. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals