

coal lease at the Black Butte Mine. This mine is operated by Black Butte Coal Company, and is located east of Rock Springs in Sweetwater County, WY. On August 7, 2000, Black Butte Coal Company filed an application with the BLM to modify Federal lease WYW6266 by adding the following lands:

T. 19 N., R. 100 W., 6th PM, Wyoming
Section 24: NWNW, W2NENW, N2SWNW.

This tract is adjacent to Black Butte Mine, Pit 10 and includes 80.00 acres more or less with an estimated 2.6 million tons of coal. This application was filed as a lease modification under the provisions of 43 CFR part 3432.

BLM believes that this lease modification serves the interest of the United States because it will avoid a bypass of Federal coal reserves. This area is a natural extension of the existing mine workings of the Black Butte Mine, Pit 10 of the current lease. This modification area is logically recovered as a part of the planned operations on the existing lease, and would avoid the bypass of these Federal coal reserves. This coal is ripe for recovery and is easily incorporated into Black Butte's current operation. If this coal is recovered in concert with the existing lease, it would result in minimal additional surface disturbance.

BLM further believes that there is no current competitive interest in the lands proposed for lease modification. Under the lease modification process, the modified lands would be added to the existing lease without competitive bidding. Before offering the lease modification the BLM will prepare an appraisal of the fair market value of the lease. The United States would receive fair market value of the lease for the added lands.

The proposed lease modification is within the mine permit area of the Black Butte Mine. No new facilities or employees would be needed to mine the coal. Physical extraction of these reserves would begin in 2004 and continue through 2007. BLM prepared a DR/FONSI for this action. If this tract is modified into the current lease, the new lands must be incorporated into the existing mining plans for the Black Butte Mine. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental document because it is the Federal agency that is responsible for any required actions necessary to incorporate these lands into the current mining plan.

In addition to preparing the DR/FONSI, BLM will also develop possible stipulations regarding mining

operations, determine the fair market value of the tract and evaluate maximum economic recovery of the coal in the proposed tract while processing this lease modification.

Comments on the DR/FONSI, the fair market value, the maximum economic recovery, and the proposed noncompetitive offer of the coal included in the proposed lease modification, will be available for public review at the address below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Alan Rabinoff,

Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT–929–1320–HN; MTM 88970]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A copy of an environmental assessment (EA) for the transfer of Federal mineral rights in lands designated as Otter Creek Tracts 1, 2, and 3 to the State of Montana is available for review. This EA assesses the impacts of the compliance by the Secretary of the Interior with Section 503 of Public Law 105–83 regarding the transfer of mineral assets to the State of Montana.

DATES: Comments must be post marked no later than February 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management (920), Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We welcome your comments on this

document. The Bureau of Land Management is collecting comments on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior. We regret that as of February 4, 2002, we do not have internet capability. Therefore, this document is not posted on the internet and comments cannot be received through that medium. Copies of the EA are available at the BLM Montana State Office at the above address.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except during holidays. 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 request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. Thank you for participating in the environmental process.

Dated: February 4, 2002.

Roberta A. Moltzen,

Acting State Director, BLM Montana State Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–020–E01–18; WYW–134032]

Notice of Realty Action Direct Sale of Public Land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, Cody Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that the following land is suitable for direct sale to Hawkins & Powers Aviation Inc. (H&P) under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, (90 Stat. 2750, 2757), (43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719), (43 CFR 2711.3–3[1] and [5] and (43 CFR part 270) at not less than fair market value. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 52 N., R. 93 W.,
 Section 6, Lot 9
 Parcel 9A (Cadastral Survey)
 Containing 0.99 acres more or less.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Duane Feick, Cody Field Office Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, 1002 Blackburn, Cody, Wyoming, 82414; (307) 578-5900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land described is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action, or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever ever occurs first. The land would be offered by direct sale to Hawkins and Powers Aviation Inc., an adjacent private landowner, at fair market value. This sale is consistent with Bureau of Land Management policies and the Cody Resource Management Plan (RMP) approved November 8, 1990. As indicated in the Cody RMP, the preferred method of land disposal to a private landowner is by exchange. However, because of the small acreage and relatively low dollar value involved, BLM believes a sale is more appropriate.

The purpose of the sale is to allow consolidation of Hawkins and Powers Aviation Inc. land holdings in the area, and to allow H&P to construct a parking area on the parcel in conjunction with their Museum of Aerial Fire Fighting. This tract is adjoined on three sides by land owned by Big Horn County, and on one side by land owned by the Federal Highway Administration. Access to the parcel is via an existing public county road. The tract is composed of a level gravel terrace with very little vegetation. Public comments were solicited on this proposed direct sale at an open house held in June 1998—no adverse comments were received.

Hawkins & Powers Aviation, Inc. will be required to submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$50 in accordance with 43 CFR part 2720, for conveyance of all unreserved mineral interests in the lands. There are no grazing privileges associated with the land.

Any deed issued will be subject to all valid existing rights. Specific patent reservations are:

1. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890, (43 U.S.C. 945).
2. All oil and gas will be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the same.
3. All other existing rights of record.

The fair market value, planning document and environmental assessment covering the proposed sale will be available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn, Cody, Wyoming 82414.

For a period of 45 days from the date of this notice published in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Cody Field Office, P.O. Box 518, Cody, WY 82414. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any action by the State Director, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of Interior.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondent will be available for public review at the Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn, Cody, Wyoming during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and address from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: December 3, 2001.

Michael Blymyer,
Cody Field Manager.

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

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Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey

January 14, 2002.

The plats of survey of the following described land will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, Colorado, effective 10:00 a.m., January 14, 2002. All inquiries should be sent to the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey of M.S. No. 2318, Champion Lode, Suspended T 43 N., R. 6 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1238, Colorado, was accepted October 24, 2001.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey of certain mineral claims, Suspended T. 44 N., R. 5 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1238, Colorado, was accepted October 24, 2001.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey of certain mineral claims, T44 N., R. 4 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1238, Colorado, was accepted October 24, 2001.

The plat (in two sheets) representing the entire record of the corrective dependent resurvey and dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Mineral Survey No. 228, Hayden Placer, and Lot 78, in section 31, T. 11 S., R. 79 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 724, Colorado, was accepted October 24, 2001.

The plat representing the limited corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the Georgetown Townsite, T. 4 S., R. 74 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 696, Colorado, was accepted October 31, 2001.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the Eleventh Correction Line North, First Guide Meridian West, subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 31, T. 45 N., R. 8 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1343, Colorado, was accepted December 5, 2001.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 16, T. 1 N., R. 80 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1287, Colorado, was accepted December 20, 2001.

The supplemental plat creating new lots in sections 4, 5, 8, 9, and 17, in T. 11 N., R. 79 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, is based upon the memo dated May 12, 1998, canceling certain lodes of Mineral Survey No. 20796, and plats approved April 18, 1941, April 21, 1953, July 26, 1982 and January 14, 1983, was accepted November 15, 2001.

The supplemental plat creating new lots 168, 169, and 170, from original lot 164 in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 6, T. 1 N., R. 72 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, is based upon the Dependent Resurvey and Survey Plat approved January 31, 1996, and the Supplemental Plat approved March 8, 1999, was accepted December 3, 2001.