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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 WYW185631, Wyoming

**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 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Bridger Coal Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

**DATES:** This notice of invitation will be published in the *Rock Springs Rocket-Miner* once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of September 1, 2017. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Bridger Coal Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than October 2, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW185631): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and, BLM, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Bridger Coal Company, c/o Interwest Mining Co., Attn: Scott M. Child, 1407 W. North Temple, #310, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 and the BLM Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Jackie Madson, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Madson, Land Law Examiner, at 307-775-6258 or [jmadson@blm.gov](mailto:jmadson@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the

Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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:** Bridger Coal Company has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land to the northwest of the Jim Bridger power plant and underground coal mine. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information on the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410.2 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands in Wyoming:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 21 N., R. 101 W.,

sec. 4;

sec. 8, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4.

T. 22 N., R. 101 W.,

sec. 28, lots 5 thru 7, 10 thru 14, and NW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 32, lots 1, 2, 7 thru 10, 14, and 15.

The area described contains 1,560.85 acres.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

**Mary Jo Rugwell,**

State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Greater Phoenix Project, Lander County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office, Battle Mountain, Nevada, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

and is announcing the beginning of the public comment period to solicit public comments on the Draft EIS. Newmont USA Limited (Newmont) is proposing to expand its existing Phoenix Mine, which is located approximately 12 miles southwest of the Town of Battle Mountain in Lander County, Nevada. The Greater Phoenix Project (Project) includes expanding the life of the Phoenix mine from 2040 to 2063; expanding the boundary of the mine by 10,611 acres from 8,228 acres to 18,839 acres; and increasing surface disturbance by 3,497 acres, from 8,374 to 11,871 acres, of which 5,896 acres involve public lands and 5,975 acres are private land.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The date(s) and location(s) of any public meetings or other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, local media, newspapers, mailings, and the BLM Web site at: [goo.gl/JwggwXA](http://goo.gl/JwggwXA).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Project by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** [goo.gl/JwggwXA](http://goo.gl/JwggwXA).
- **Email:** [blm\\_nv\\_bmdo@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_bmdo@blm.gov).
- **Fax:** 775-635-4034.
- **Mail:** BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Mount Lewis Field Office.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Gabriel, Project Manager; telephone: 775-635-4000; address: 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820; or email: [blm\\_nv\\_bmdo@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_bmdo@blm.gov).

Contact Christine Gabriel to have your name added to BLM's mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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:** Newmont is proposing to expand its existing operations in the Phoenix Mine area, located approximately 12 miles southwest of the Town of Battle