

Program Announcements" (45 FR 39592) requires a statement concerning the official government programs contained in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Normally, NIH lists in its announcements the number and title of affected individual programs for the guidance of the public. Because the proposed guidance in this notice covers virtually every NIH and Federal research program in which recombinant DNA techniques could be used, it has been determined not to be cost effective or in the public interest to attempt to list these programs. In addition, NIH could not be certain that every Federal program would be included as many Federal agencies, as well as private organizations, both national and international, have elected to follow the NIH Guidelines. In lieu of the individual program listing, NIH invites readers to direct questions to the information address above about whether individual programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance are affected.

Dated: November 21, 2001.

Ruth L. Kirschstein,

Acting Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Office of Special Trustee for American Indians

Office of Indian Trust Transition

Tribal Consultation on Indian Trust Asset Management

AGENCIES: Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Office of Indian Trust Transition, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of tribal consultation meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary, along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, and Office of Indian Trust Transition, will conduct meetings on Indian trust asset management. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss a proposed reorganization of the Department's trust responsibility functions to improve the management of Indian trust assets. Any tribe, band, nation or individual is encouraged to

attend the meetings and to submit written comments.

DATES: The dates and city locations of the consultation meetings are as follows:

- December 13, 2001—Albuquerque, New Mexico
- December 20, 2001—Minneapolis, Minnesota
- January 3, 2002—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- January 10, 2002—Rapid City, South Dakota
- January 17, 2002—San Diego, California
- January 23, 2002—Anchorage, Alaska
- February 1, 2002—Washington, DC (Arlington, Virginia)

ADDRESSES: The addresses for the consultation meetings, which will all begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., are as follows:

- Albuquerque, New Mexico—The Hyatt Regency, 330 Tijeras Street NW
- Minneapolis, Minnesota—The Double Tree Hotel, 7901 24th Ave. South
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—Westin Hotel, 1 North Broadway
- Rapid City, South Dakota—Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, 505 N. 5th Street
- San Diego, California—Hana Lei Red Lion Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North
- Anchorage, Alaska—Hilton Anchorage, 500 West 3rd Street
- Washington, DC—Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne R. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., MS 4140 MIB, Washington, DC 20240 (202/208-7163).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meetings is to involve affected and interested parties in the process of organizing the Department's trust asset management responsibility functions. The Department has determined that there is a need for dramatic change in the management of Indian trust assets. This need has been made apparent in several ways. An independent consultant has analyzed important components of the Department's trust reform activities and made several recommendations, including the recommendation that the Department consolidate trust functions under a single entity. Concerns have also been raised in the *Cobell v. Norton* case, which is currently pending in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia. Internal review has also supported reorganization. Additionally, a recent report commissioned by the Department of the Interior has

supported reorganization. This report, developed by the EDS Corporation, is being made available online at www.doi.gov for public review. A new office in the Department, the Office of Indian Trust Transition, has been created to plan and support reorganization. While preliminary actions have been taken by the Department, the plan for reorganization is still in the early stages of development. Prior notice of the first two consultation meetings scheduled in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Minneapolis, Minnesota, were published in the **Federal Register** on December 5, 2001 (66 FR 63306).

Written comments may be submitted at any of the above listed meeting locations or may be mailed to the address indicated under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons may examine written comments during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. Commenters who wish to remain anonymous must clearly state this preference at the beginning of their written comments. The Department will honor requests for anonymity to the extent allowable by law.

These meetings support administrative policy on tribal consultation by encouraging maximum direct participation of representatives of tribal governments, tribal organizations and other interested persons in important Departmental processes.

Dated: December 7, 2001.

J. Steven Griles,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-02-1320-EL, WYW146744]

North Jacobs Ranch Tract, Wyoming; Competitive Coal Lease Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the North Jacobs Ranch Tract described below in Campbell County, WY, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the

Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2002. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107) of the BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Melvin Schlagel, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258 and 307-775-6257, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Jacobs Ranch Coal Company of Gillette, WY. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in southeastern Campbell County near Wright, WY, approximately 7 miles east of State Highway 59 and 2 miles north of State Highway 450:

- T. 44 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M.
Sec. 26: Lots 8 through 12;
Sec. 27: Lots 1 through 16;
Sec. 28: Lots 1 through 16;
Sec. 29: Lots 1 through 16;
Sec. 30: Lots 5 through 20;
Sec. 31: Lots 5 through 20;
Sec. 32: Lots 1 through 16;
Sec. 33: Lots 4, 5, 12, 13;
Sec. 35: Lot 1;
- T. 44 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M.
Sec. 25: Lots 1 through 16.
Containing 4,982.24 acres, more or less.

All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining. The surface estate of the tract is controlled by the Jacobs Ranch Mine and the Black Thunder Mine. Also, approximately 200 acres of private coal is located adjacent to the tract at the eastern boundary and about 640 acres of State of Wyoming coal is located adjacent to the tract at the southwest boundary. These reserves might be recovered in conjunction with the LBA but are not included as part of this lease sale.

There are numerous oil and gas wells and coalbed methane wells on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of the future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining or re-established after mining

is completed. Other costs considered will include moving or removing roads, pipelines, and surface facilities.

The tract contains surface minable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. Recovery of the Wyodak seam can occur in three splits: the upper, middle, or lower depending on the specific geology encountered. On the LBA, there is generally only a single split with the upper Wyodak separated by a thin parting from the main seam. The two seams merge into a single seam in the western portion of the LBA as the parting pinches out. The upper seam averages 13 feet thick and the main seam averages 52 feet thick on the LBA. The lower Wyodak splits in the far eastern portion of the LBA requiring multiple seam recovery near the burnline along the eastern LBA boundary. An additional seam below the Wyodak occurs in the far western portion of the LBA but this thin seam is not considered to be minable due to the high incremental stripping ratio and relatively low quality. There are no coal outcrops on the tract. The overburden above the Wyodak seam ranges from about 70-300 feet thick on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 537,542,000 tons of minable coal. This estimate of minable reserves includes the Wyodak splits mentioned above but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. The total minable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 3.5:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The North Jacobs Ranch LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8792 BTU/lb, 27.40% moisture, 5.46% ash, 0.45% sulfur, and 1.29% sodium in the ash. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the high end of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid equals the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m., on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair

market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale.

The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, and of a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or augur mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW146744, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Dated: December 5, 2001.

Phillip C. Perlewitz,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-912-02-1120-PG-24-1A]

Call for Nomination on Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nomination on the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for a vacancy which occurred on the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC). Utah residents with an interest and background in commercial recreation or oil and gas development are being sought to fill this vacancy on the 15-person Council which has occurred due to the resignation of one of its members. The person selected will serve out the remaining balance of a 3-year term that will continue through September 2003.

Nominees will be evaluated based on their experience or knowledge of the geographic area; education, training and/or experience; and, their experience in working with disparate groups to achieve collaborative solutions. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's