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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW161763]

Coal Lease Exploration License, WY

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, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201 (b), and to the regulations adopted at 43 CFR part 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Powder River 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 the following-described lands in Campbell County, WY:

T. 48 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming;
Sec. 7: Lot 12;
Sec. 8: Lots 10;
Sec. 17: Lots 1-4, 6-10, 16; Containing
489.43 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resource Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain data for the purpose of obtaining structural and quality information needed to identify coal reserves that may be used in the Gold Mine Draw Alluvial Valley Floor Exchange application that was filed August 15, 2003, by Powder River Coal Company.

ADDRESSES: The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW161763): Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of invitation will be published in

The News-Record of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of November 22, 2004, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management and Powder River Coal Company no later than thirty days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Powder River Coal Company, Attn: Les Petersen, P.O. Box 3034, Gillette, WY 82717, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Phillip C. Perlewitz,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XG]

Meeting Date Correction for Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 1 and 2, 2005, in Redding, California. An earlier notice, published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 242) [Notices] [Page 75561] incorrectly listed the meeting dates as Feb. 2 and 3, 2005. On Feb. 1, the council members convene at 10 a.m. at the BLM Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Dr., and depart immediately for a field tour of projected land exchange sites. Members of the public are welcome on the tour, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. On Feb. 2, the council convenes at 8 a.m. in the Conference Center at the

McConnell Foundation headquarters, 800 Shasta View Drive in Redding. Time for public comment has been set aside for 10:30 a.m. Other meeting details published in the above referenced notice are unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Burns, BLM Ukiah Field Office manager, (707) 468-4000; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-300-1020-PH]

Notice of Public Meeting, Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 20 and 21, 2005 at the BLM Idaho Falls District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. January 20, with the public comment period as the first agenda item. The meeting will adjourn at or before 2 p.m. on the following day.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the BLM Idaho Falls District (IFD), which covers eastern Idaho. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- Sage Grouse Conservation strategies (BLM national, and State of Idaho if completed).
- A presentation about tribal treaty rights by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.
- The South Fork of the Snake River Activity Plan (Upper Snake Field Office) public outreach opportunities.
- Idaho Falls District operations plan.
- Other current issues as appropriate.
- Other items of interest raised by the Council.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Howell, RAC Coordinator, Idaho Falls District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7559. Email: David_Howell@blm.gov.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

LeRoy Cook,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Alaska OCS Region, Cook Inlet Oil and Gas Sale 199, May 2006

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for Information (RFI) and Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The Secretary's approved 5-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2002-2007 provides for two sales, Sales 191 and 199, to be held in the Cook Inlet program area. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that covered both sales was prepared. For Sale 199 an Environmental Assessment will be prepared and, if significant effects are found, a supplemental EIS will also be written. In addition, a federal consistency determination (CD) under the Coastal Zone Management Act will be prepared, as well as a proposed and final notice of sale.

The RFI and a NOI to prepare an EIS for Sales 191 and 199 was published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2001, at 66 FR 67543. The Cook Inlet final EIS for Sales 191 and 199 was released in November 2003 (OCS EIS/EA, MMS 2003-055). The first sale, Sale 191, was held on May 19, 2004; however, the sale received no bids. The MMS is now initiating a Request for Information for Cook Inlet Sale 199.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on the RFI and on the NOI must be received no

later than 45 days following publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of the following methods:

- You may mail comments to the Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, in envelopes labeled "Attn: Comments on Request for Information for Cook Inlet Sale 199" or "Attn: Comments on Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Cook Inlet Sale 199," as appropriate.

- You may fax your comments to MMS at (907) 334-5242.

- You may also comment using Public Connect at: <https://occonnect.mms.gov/pcs-public>.

- Finally, you may hand-deliver comments weekdays between 8 AM and 5 PM to the Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Fred King at (907) 334-5271 in MMS's Alaska OCS Region regarding questions on the RFI/NOI to prepare an Environmental Assessment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental analysis for Sale 199 will focus primarily on new issues that may have arisen since the completion of the EIS for Sales 191 and 199 (November 2003). A consistency determination will be prepared for the sale and will include analysis of any approved changes that may have occurred in the State's coastal management plan. The process will lead to identification of the area to be included in the proposed Notice of Sale. Each of these steps, including the proposed Notice of Sale, provides for a public review period. At the culmination of each step and after analysis of any public comments, the MMS will decide whether to proceed to the next step. This process will:

- Focus the environmental analysis on impact types and levels that may have changed since the analysis was done for Sale 191;
- Clearly highlight any new issues for the public;
- Eliminate the need for costly preparation and public review of a repetitive, voluminous new EIS for Sale 199; and

- Result in a more efficient and responsive application of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The MMS will analyze all comments received in response to this RFI and re-examine information previously submitted in response to the Call and the draft and final EISs for Sales 191

and 199. The MMS will then identify the issues to be analyzed in the NEPA document.

This RFI does not indicate a decision to lease in the area described below. Final delineation of the areas for possible leasing will be made after completion of the pre-sale steps described above and in compliance with the current 5-year program and applicable laws, including all requirements of the NEPA and the OCS Lands Act.

Request for Information

1. Authority

This RFI is published pursuant to the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, (1994)) (OCS Lands Act), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR 256); and in accordance with the 5-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2002 to 2007.

2. Purpose of Request

The purpose of the RFI is to gather information for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 199 in the Cook Inlet, scheduled for May 2006. Information on oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development and production within the Cook Inlet are sought from all interested parties. This early planning and consultation step is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the Department of the Interior for decisions in the leasing process.

The Call for Information and Nominations published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2001, requested information and nominations from industry for Sales 191 and 199 in the Cook Inlet Planning Area. The MMS will use the information submitted in response to that Call and any new information submitted in response to this RFI to determine the area that will be included in a NEPA analysis. The public need not re-submit comments sent in response to the multiple-sale Call. A company need not re-submit its areas of interest if its comments or indications of interest have not changed since that time. This request seeks to identify new concerns and new areas of interest to industry.

3. Description of Area

The area covered by this RFI is located offshore the State of Alaska in the Cook Inlet Planning Area. This area consists of approximately 517 whole and partial blocks (about 2.5 million acres). A page-size map of the area accompanies this Notice. A large scale RFI map showing the boundaries of the area on a block-by-block basis is