

- A variety of wildlife, including birds, and marine mammals.
  - Lost human use opportunities associated with various natural resources in the Gulf region, including fishing, swimming, beach-going, and viewing of birds and wildlife.
  - Waters of the Gulf of Mexico and adjoining coastal waters of the State.
  - Various other biota, including benthic communities and fish.
  - Water column habitat.
- Accordingly, the Trustees have determined they have jurisdiction to pursue restoration under OPA.

#### Determination To Conduct Restoration Planning

1. The Trustees have made the following findings pursuant to 15 CFR 990.42. Observations and data collected pursuant to 15 CFR 990.43 demonstrate that injuries to natural resources and the services they provide have resulted from the Texas City Y incident; however, the nature and extent of such injuries has not been fully determined at this time. The Trustees have identified numerous categories of impacted and potentially impacted resources, including marine mammals and birds, as well as their habitats. Potentially or actually impacted habitats include but are not limited to wetlands, marshes, sand beaches, bottom sediments and the water. Impacts to these resources have or are anticipated to affect human use of these affected resources or habitats. The Trustees have been conducting, and continue to conduct, activities to evaluate injuries and potential injuries within these categories. More information on these resource categories, including assessment work plans developed jointly by the Trustees and the RP, if any, and information gathered during the Preassessment Phase, will be available in the Administrative Record (AR), as discussed below. The full nature and extent of injuries will be determined during the injury assessment conducted as part of the Restoration Planning Phase.

2. Response actions employed for this spill included containment, skimming of oil and other removal operations. These response actions have not addressed and are not expected to address all injuries resulting from the discharges of oil. Although response actions were initiated soon after the spill, they were unable to prevent injuries to many natural resources. In addition, some of these response actions have caused or are likely to cause injuries to natural resources and the services they provide, including the impairment of sensitive marshes,

beaches, and other habitats and impacts to human uses of the resources. While injured natural resources may eventually recover naturally to the condition they would have been in had the discharges not occurred, interim losses did occur and will persist until baseline conditions are achieved. In addition, there have been losses of and diminution of human uses of the resources resulting from the impacts to the natural resources and from the response actions themselves.

3. Feasible restoration actions exist to address the natural resource injuries and losses, including lost human uses, resulting from the discharges of oil. Assessment procedures are available to scale the appropriate amount of restoration required to offset these ecological and human use service losses. During the restoration planning phase, the Trustees will evaluate potential projects, determine the scale of restoration actions needed to make the environment and the public whole, and release a draft Restoration Plan for public review and comment.

Based upon these determinations, the Trustees intend to proceed with restoration planning for the Texas City Y Incident.

#### Administrative Record

The Department of the Interior, acting on behalf of the Trustees, has opened an Administrative Record (AR) in compliance with 15 CFR 990.45 and applicable state authorities. The AR is publicly accessible and includes documents considered by the Trustees during the NRDA and restoration planning performed in connection with the Incident. The AR will be augmented with additional information over the course of the NRDA process. The administrative record is available through the following location in electronic format: [http://www.cerc.usgs.gov/orda\\_docs/DamageCase.aspx?DamageCaseId=388](http://www.cerc.usgs.gov/orda_docs/DamageCase.aspx?DamageCaseId=388).

#### Opportunity To Comment

In accordance with 15 CFR 990.14(d) and state authorities, the Trustees will provide opportunities for public involvement in the restoration planning for the Incident. The opportunities for public involvement will be addressed in future notices and announcements.

#### Author

The primary author of this notice is Chip Wood.

#### Authority

The authority of this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) and the implementing Natural

Resource Damage Assessment found at 15 CFR part 990.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,  
Acting Regional Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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WYW183863]

#### Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License; Application WYW183863, 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 to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Black Butte Coal Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

**DATES:** This notice of invitation was published in the *Rock Springs Rocket-Miner* once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of November 10, 2014. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Black Butte Coal Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than February 11, 2015. Such written notice must refer to serial number WYW183863.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan submitted by Black Butte Coal Company (serialized under number WYW183863) are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices: BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and, BLM, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. Any party electing to participate in this exploration shall send written notice to the following addresses: Black Butte Coal Company, c/o Ambre Energy North America, Inc., Attn: Jeremy Kerly, 170 South Main St., Ste. 700, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 and the BLM Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Jackie Madson, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Madson, Land Law Examiner, at

307-775-6258. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS 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:** Black Butte Coal Company has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public lands in the Salt Wells area near the existing Black Butte Coal Mine located near Point of Rocks, Wyoming. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the coal resources there. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 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. 15 N., R. 102 W.,  
Sec. 4.  
T. 16 N., R. 101 W.,  
Sec. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 18, 20, and 30.  
T. 16 N., R. 102 W.,  
Sec. 2, 10, 12, 14, 22, 24, 26, and 28;  
Sec. 34, NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and S1/2.  
T. 17 N., R. 100 W.,  
Sec. 4, 8, 18, and 30.  
T. 17 N., R. 101 W.,  
Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and S1/2;  
Sec. 8;  
Sec. 10, E1/2 and S1/2SW1/4;  
Sec. 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, and 34.  
T. 17 N., R. 102 W.,  
Sec. 24 and 26.  
The areas described aggregate 23,232.28 acres.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM. The plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate.

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

**Mary Jo Rugwell,**

*Associate State Director.*

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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 WYW183864, 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 to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Black Butte Coal Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

**DATES:** This notice of invitation was published in the *Rock Springs Rocket-Miner* once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of November 10, 2014. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Black Butte Coal Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than February 11, 2015. Such written notice must refer to serial number WYW183864.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan submitted by Black Butte Coal Company (serialized under number WYW183864) are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices: BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and, BLM, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall send written notice to the following addresses: Black Butte Coal Company, c/o Ambre Energy North America, Inc., Attn: Jeremy Kerly, 170 South Main St., Ste. 700, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 and the BLM Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Jackie Madson, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

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to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Black Butte Coal Company has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public lands near the Black Butte Coal Mine located near Point of Rocks, Wyoming. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the coal resources there. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 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 Sweetwater County, Wyoming:

**Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming**

T. 18 N., R. 100 W.,  
Sec. 14, 26, and 34.  
T. 18 N., R. 101 W.,  
Sec. 4.  
T. 19 N., R. 100 W.,  
Sec. 6, 12, 18, and 20;  
Sec. 24, NE1/4, E1/2NE1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2SW1/4NW1/4, and S1/2;  
Sec. 26.  
T. 19 N., R. 101 W.,  
Secs. 2, 12, 14, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 34.  
The areas described aggregate 11,468.77 acres.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM. The plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate.

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

**Mary Jo Rugwell,**

*Associate State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Motorized Vehicle Temporary Restrictions for Specified Routes on Public Land During the Annual Moab Jeep Safari, Utah**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice restricts motorized use on 10 popular vehicle routes located on public land used by