

for grazing situations. The Authorized Officer will issue verbal instructions as needed to avoid the areas of concern within the designated area. All verbal instructions will be followed by the grazing permittee. Emergency situations (e.g. recovery of sick or injured animal(s) or emergency facility maintenance) will be completed with as little resource damage as possible. If prior notification is not possible, grazing permittees will notify the Authorized Officer, within 10 working days, of actions taken in a letter describing the location and reason for the action. BLM mitigation measures related to the soil, water, and/or cultural resource will be developed to address any damages caused by the emergency situation.

Penalties: Violations of this restriction order are punishable by fines as specified in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 18 U.S.C. 3571 of no more than \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

John E. Husband,
Field Manager, Little Snake Field Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-04-1320-EL-P; MTM 94066]

Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 94066

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Western Energy Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Rosebud County, Montana, encompassing 228.17 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5060, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands to be explored for coal deposits are described as follows:

- T. 1 N., R. 39 E., P.M.M.*
Sec. 4: NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄,
NE¹/₄NE¹/₄
T. 2 N., R. 39 E., P.M.M.
Sec. 34: NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, *in writing*, both the State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, and Western Energy Company, P.O. Box 99, Colstrip, Montana 59323. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 94066 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Miles City Star* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Miles City Star*, Miles City, Montana.

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. The exploration plan, as submitted by Western Energy Company, is available for public inspection at the BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Dated: December 22, 2004.

Randy D. Heuscher,
Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-922-05-1320-EL; OKNM 104763, OKNM 107920, OKNM 108097]

Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Written Comments on Fair Market Value and Maximum Economic Recovery; Coal Lease By Applications OKNM 104763, OKNM 107920 and OKNM 108097

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public hearing and requests written comments on the fair market value (FMV) and maximum economic recovery (MER) of certain coal resources it proposes to offer for competitive lease sale. The coal in the tracts would be mined by either surface, underground or auger mining methods.

The Oklahoma Field Office, BLM has completed the Oklahoma Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Decision Record for competitive coal lease applications OKNM 104763, OKNM 107920 and OKNM 108097 in Haskell, Latimer and LeFlore Counties,

Oklahoma. The Decision Record was signed by the New Mexico BLM State Director on September 29, 2004. The decision is to implement the BLM's preferred alternative, which will result in offering for lease, the three lease application areas with stipulations, and mitigations as described in the RMPA.

The Liberty West tract, OKNM 104763 is located in Haskell County, Oklahoma, and encompasses 640 acres. Estimated recoverable Federal reserves of bituminous coal from the Stigler seam is 2.366 million tons; 2.322 million tons recoverable by surface mining methods, and 44,000 tons recoverable by auger mining. The proximate analysis of the coal on a received basis averages 14,087 BTU/lb., with 2.2% moisture, 1.4% sulfur, 6.7% ash, 64.2% fixed carbon, and 26.7% volatile matter.

The Bull Hill tract, OKNM 107920 is located in Latimer and LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma, and encompasses 3,863.17 acres. Estimated recoverable Federal reserves of bituminous coal from two splits of the Lower Hartshorne seam is 8.993 million tons; 4.107 million tons recoverable by surface mining methods, 2.724 million tons recoverable by auger mining, and 2.162 million tons recoverable by underground mining methods. The proximate analysis of the coal on a received basis averages 13,450-14,000 BTU/lb., with 2.9-4.7% moisture, 0.8-1.4% sulfur, 5.6-7.1% ash, 53.5-72.3% fixed carbon, and 17.8-35.9% volatile matter.

The McCurtain tract, OKNM 108097 is located in Haskell County, Oklahoma, and encompasses 2,380 acres. Estimated recoverable Federal reserves of bituminous coal from the Hartshorne seam is 6.538 million tons recoverable by underground mining methods. The proximate analysis of the coal on a received basis averages 13,960 BTU/lb., with 3.1% moisture, 0.9% sulfur, 6.7% ash, 68.2% fixed carbon, and 22.0% volatile matter.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the FMV and MER of the tracts proposed to be offered for lease and on factors that may affect FMV and MER.

A public hearing will be held to accept testimony on FMV and MER of the proposed lease tracts at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at the BLM Oklahoma Field Office in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

DATES: Written comments must be postmarked by March 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to John Mehlhoff, Field Manager, BLM, Oklahoma Field Office, 7906 East 33rd St., Suite 101, Tulsa, OK 74145.