

and/or development of wildlife habitat. In particular, at the request of landowners, TPWD prepares written WMPs that incorporate recommendations for specific areas and address the conservation goals and objectives of each landowner. In conjunction with the development of landowner-specific WMPs, TPWD proposes to issue Certificates of Inclusion (CI) that provide coverage to individual landowners under the terms of its section 10(a)(1)(A) permit, should one be issued in the future. Each CI will be issued with Service oversight, and will be subject to revocation if the terms of the WMP are not fulfilled. TPWD and the Service feel that this process may preclude or remove any need to list the lesser prairie-chicken, if it is assumed that conservation measures were also to be implemented on other necessary properties, by encouraging private landowners to enroll in the WMP program and undertake the conservation practices prescribed in the CCAA. The proposed CCAA represents a significant milestone in the cooperative conservation efforts for the LPC and is consistent with section 2(a)(5) of the Act, which encourages creative partnerships among public, private, and government entities to conserve imperiled species and their habitats. Consistent with the Service CCAA policy, the proposed CCAA is intended to facilitate conservation actions for the LPC that will remove or reduce the threats to the species. The CCAA is also intended to provide TPWD and those private landowners receiving CIs, under the auspices of TPWD's permit, regulatory certainty related to normal agricultural practices should the LPC become federally listed as threatened or endangered in the future.

The conservation measures in the CCAA would be implemented by individual non-Federal landowners, under the auspices of a TPWD and Service-approved WMP. These measures will generally consist of prescribed grazing, prescribed burning, rangeland deferment, brush management, CRP and cropland management, range planting, other upland wildlife habitat management practices, and population management techniques. TPWD has committed to guide the implementation of these conservation measures and requests issuance of the permit in order to address the take prohibitions of Section 9 of the Act should the species become listed in the future.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), and the National

Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR part 1506.6).

Larry G. Bell,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-921-06-1320-EL; COC 70164]

Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Ark Land Company, COC 70164, Colorado.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 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 Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, (CFR), Subpart 3410, all interested qualified parties, as provided in 43 CFR 3472.1 are hereby invited to participate with Ark Land 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 the following described lands in Garfield County, Colorado.

T. 7 S., R. 101 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 21, lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 28, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 29, all;
Sec. 30, Tr. 44, lots 5 through 10, inclusive, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 31, lots 5 through 8, inclusive;
Sec. 32, lots 1 through 4, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 7 S., 102 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 23, lot 1, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 24, lots 1 through 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 25, lots 1 through 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 26, all;
Sec. 35, all;
Sec. 36, lots 1 through 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 8 S., R. 101 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 3, lots 5 through 16, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 4, lots 5 through 16, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 5, lots 5 through 20, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 6, lots 8 through 27, inclusive, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 7, lots 5 through 8, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 8, all;
Sec. 9, all;
Sec. 10, all;
Sec. 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 18, lot 5, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 8 S., R. 102 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 1, lots 5 through 20, inclusive, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$.

The area described contains 13,178.47 acres.

DATES: Written Notice of Intent to Participate in Exploration License COC 70164 should be addressed to the attention of both parties whose addresses are provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below and must be received by them within 30 days after publication of this Notice of Invitation in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Karen Zurek, CO-921, Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and Michael Lincoln, P.O. Box 460, Hanna, Wyoming 82327.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Karen Zurek at (303) 239-3795.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application for coal exploration license is available for public inspection during normal business hours under serial number COC 70164 at the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and at the Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506. 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 authority for this notice is 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: July 19, 2006.

Karen Zurek,

*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy,
Lands and Minerals.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-400-1150-CB]

Notice of Public Meeting, Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Idaho

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) Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: September 21, 2006. The RAC will tour the Nez Perce Tribe's biological control center and fish hatchery near Lapwai, Idaho from 10 a.m. to 12:30. The tour will be followed by a meeting from 1:30 to about 4 p.m. in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northern Idaho Agency conference room located at 99 Agency Road, Lapwai, Idaho. The public comment period will be from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the meeting location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Snook, RAC Coordinator, BLM Coeur d'Alene District, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815 or telephone (208) 769-5004.

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 Idaho. The agenda will include the following topics: Tour of the Nez Perce Tribe biological (weed) control center and fish hatchery; project updates including the Resource Management Plans for the Coeur d'Alene and Cottonwood Field Offices and the Idaho Recreation RAC Process. Additional topics may be added and will be included in local media announcements.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council in advance of or at the meeting. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for receiving 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 the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: August 17, 2006.

Eric R. Thomson,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-0777-XZ-241A]

Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

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) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 19, 2006 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith, (719) 269-8500.

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 Royal Gorge Field Office and San Luis Valley, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include: Manager updates on current land management issues; update on the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan; and a presentation on the oil shale recovery process. All meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to make oral comments to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Councils consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Royal Gorge Field Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. Meeting Minutes and agenda (10 days prior to each meeting) are also available at: http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/fr/rac/co_fr.htm

Dated: August 14, 2006.

Roy L. Masinton,

Royal Gorge Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK940-1310EI-002L-241A; AK940-1310EI-002L-241A]

National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2006

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2006.

SUMMARY: National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska; Notice of Sale and Notice of Availability of the Detailed Statement of Sale for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2006.

The Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, will hold an oil and gas lease sale bid opening for the Northeast and Northwest Planning Areas of the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska.

Tracts offered for competitive bid in the Northeast Planning Area cover land not previously offered for sale, as identified in the January 11, 2006, Record of Decision on the Amended Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement; land previously offered in Sale Numbers 991 (1999) and 2002, but for which no bid was received; and land from leases issued after the 2002 Sale that have been relinquished by lessees. All the tracts in the Northwest Planning Area cover land offered in the 2004 Sale but that did not receive any bid.

DATES: The oil and gas lease sale bid opening will be held at 8 a.m. on September 27, 2006, at the Wilda Marston Theatre in the Z. J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Fisk at (907) 271-4407.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All bids must be submitted by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions identified in the Detailed Statement of Sale and received at the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Ave., #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 no later than 3:45 p.m., September 22, 2006.

The Detailed Statement of Sale for Sale 2006 may be obtained by written request to the Public Information Center, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Ave., #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599, or by telephone at (907) 271-5960. It will include, among other things, a description of the land to be offered for lease, the lease terms, conditions, special stipulations, required operating