

this and in all other respects, the proposed cement plant project would meet or exceed all federal, state and/or tribal criteria under applicable law.

Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to air quality, geology and soils, surface and groundwater resources, biological resources including threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, land use, aesthetics or visual resources, environmental justice, and Indian trust resources. The range of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS may be expanded or reduced, based on comments received in response to this notice and at the public scoping meetings.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: February 10, 2005.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal—State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the approval of the Tribal—State Compact between the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the State of Iowa.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Compact authorizes gaming conducted in accordance with IGRA and Iowa State law and clarifies the regulatory scheme.

Dated: February 9, 2005.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–100–04–1990–00]

Emergency Route Restriction Order Within the Upper Hughes Creek Allotment (#4410), Moffat County, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of emergency closure.

SUMMARY: This order closes two unauthorized construction routes on public lands to motorized use in the areas within the Upper Hughes Creek Allotment, Moffat County, Colorado. This order does not modify the current Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) classification of “open” in this area. The order is an emergency measure that prohibits the use of any motorized wheeled vehicles on the identified routes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Maps of the trespass roads will be available at the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Husband, Field Manager, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625; Telephone (970) 826–5000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8341.2, 43 CFR 8364.1, and 43 CFR 9268.3(d)(1) as an emergency measure. This action qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, Number: G.(3) and has been considered in Categorical Exclusion CO–100–2005–001CX, which was signed on December 9, 2004. Further investigation is proceeding and plans for reclamation of damaged resources are being developed.

This order affects public lands in Moffat County, Colorado, thus described:

- (1) Public Lands within: T.4N., R.96W., Sections 15 and 22, Sixth Principal Meridian;
- (2) Approximately: 3 acres of public lands.

This restriction order shall be effective on February 22, 2005, and shall remain in effect until resource reclamation objectives have been achieved and the order is then rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

During the summer of 2004, an unknown person used heavy construction equipment to widen an existing trail and build a new route on public lands that accommodates full size pickup truck vehicle use. Use of these routes by wheeled motorized vehicles has the potential to cause considerable adverse effects to soil, water, and cultural resources.

The designated area affected by this order will be posted with appropriate regulatory signs. Persons who are exempt from restriction contained in this notice include:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency, and law enforcement activities.

2. Persons or agencies holding a special use permit or right-of-way for access to exercise their permit within the restricted area, for purposes related to access for maintenance and operation of authorized facilities, and provided such motorized use is limited to the routes specifically identified in the special use permit or right-of-way.

3. Grazing permittees holding a valid grazing permit for the restricted area. Such permittees will contact the Authorized Officer, when possible, prior to motorized vehicle use of the route(s)

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.