

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[WY-040-1430-EU; WYW-148587]****Realty Action; Direct Sale of Public Lands; Wyoming****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action; direct sale of public lands in Sweetwater County.**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management has determined that the lands described below are suitable for public sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713:**Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming**

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The lands described above contain 722.5 acres.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Bates, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901, 307-352-0344.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Bureau of Land Management proposes to sell the surface estate of the above-described land to PacifiCorp, an adjacent landowner and current right-of-way holder, via direct sale, pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713. PacifiCorp wishes to acquire the land to protect its existing equities in the land. The lands are currently developed to contain two flue-gas desulphurization ponds, a fresh water pond, and other associated facilities, which are related to operation of the Jim Bridger Power Plant and are authorized by rights-of-way held by PacifiCorp. These lands have been sufficiently changed in character by the improvements associated with the rights-of-way, that disposal of these lands to PacifiCorp through direct sale is deemed to be in the public interest.

The proposed sale would be made at fair market value which has been determined to be \$722,500. The proposed sale is consistent with the Green River Resource Management Plan and would serve important public

objectives which cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly elsewhere. The lands contain no other known public values. The planning document, environmental assessment, and approved appraisal report covering the proposed sale are available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

*Conveyance of the above public lands will be subject to:*

1. Reservation of a right-of-way to the United States for ditches and canals pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.

2. Reservation of all minerals pursuant to section 209(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1719.

3. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of conveyance.

There will be a decrease of 722.5 Federal acres within the Rock Springs Grazing Allotment. The 72 AUMs associated with the 722.5 acre parcel will be canceled. The grazing lessee has waived the 2 year notification period and therefore, this proposed sale is in compliance with 43 CFR 4110.42(b).

The public lands described above shall be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws; including the mining laws, upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of the patent or 270 days from the date of the publication, whichever comes first.

For a period of 45 days after issuance of this notice, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Rock Springs Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposed realty action will become final.

Dated: December 4, 2003.

**Michael R. Holbert,**

*Field Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 30 CFR Parts 816 and 817****AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for the Permanent Program Performance Standards—Surface Mining Activities and Underground Mining Activities at 30 CFR Parts 816 and 817, has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by February 12, 2004, in order to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has consolidated two information collections relating to coal mining performance standards, revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information contained in: Permanent Program Performance Standards—Surface Mining Activities at 30 CFR 816, and Underground Mining Activities at 30 CFR 817. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for the information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information