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Bowie Resources, Ltd. and Oxbow Mining, Inc. applied to the BLM for the Iron Point and Elk Creek coal lease tracts respectfully to extend the production life of their existing underground mines. Similarly, Bowie applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license to further delineate coal resource in lands adjacent to their ongoing mining. The requested Iron Point Tract and the exploration license area are adjacent to the presently approved permit area for the Bowie No. 2 Mine which is operated by Bowie. Likewise, the requested Elk Creek Tract is adjacent to the presently approved permit area for the Sanborn Creek Mine which is operated by Oxbow. These applications encompass federal coal on BLM and National Forest system lands. The federal coal resource to be offered is limited to coal recoverable by underground mining methods.

The USDA Forest Service is a joint lead agency in the preparation of the EIS because the surface of some of the land in the applications is administered by the Forest Service. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because it is the Federal agency that would review the mining plans for the two proposed tracts if they are leased, and recommend approval or disapproval of the mining plans to the Secretary of the Interior.

The EIS analyzes four alternatives. Besides the no-action alternative and the plans as submitted in the applications, two other alternatives were examined in the EIS. The other alternatives analyzed the possibility of multiseam mining and the restriction of subsidence due to underground mining activity in key areas to protect surface resources.

The DEIS was filed on September 3, 1999 and the DEIS comment period extended through November 3, 1999. An informal open house was held on October 7, 1999 and a public hearing was held on October 14, 1999 at Hotchkiss High School in Hotchkiss, Colorado.

Freedom of Information

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the addresses listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure

under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. 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. Proprietary data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of resource advisory council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the meeting of the Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on Thursday, March 23, 2000 and Friday, March 24, 2000 in Missoula, Montana.

Agenda items include: Recreation standards and guidelines; election of officers; update on the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project; and identification of future issues. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. (MST), March 23, 2000 at the C'mon Inn, 2775 Expo Parkway, Missoula, Montana. The public may address the Council during the public comment period from 2 p.m.–2:30 p.m. on March 23, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral

statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the District Manager.

The Council's responsibilities include providing recommendations concerning long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Graf (208) 769-5004.

Dated: February 9, 2000.

Ted Graf,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification: Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands, are located in Maricopa County, Arizona, and found suitable for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*). The lands are not needed for federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use planning and would be in the public interest.

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The following described lands, located near New River, Maricopa County, have been found suitable for Conveyance to the Flood Control District of Maricopa County for insertion in the flood plain.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

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Containing approximately 60.00 acres.

The Conveyance would be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the minerals.

3. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

4. Those rights for a flood control structure granted to Flood Control