

the processing schedule for the State Section LBA.

4. *NARO LBA*. This is a new LBA filed by the Powder River Coal Company (Peabody) for the North Antelope Rochelle Mine. Approximately 4,501 acres and 564 million tons of Federal coal are involved. The Powder River Coal Company also has a small lease modification pending (WYW136142). The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the NARO LBA.

5. *Little Thunder Creek LBA*. This new LBA, filed by Ark Land Company, is for the Black Thunder Mine. Approximately 2,709.5 acres and 383.6 million tons of Federal coal are involved. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the Little Thunder Creek LBA.

6. *West Roundup LBA*. Triton Coal Company filed this new LBA for the North Rochelle Mine. Approximately 1,869.12 acres and 173.2 million tons of Federal coal are involved. Triton Coal also has a small lease modification pending (WYW127221). The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the West Roundup LBA.

7. *North Hay Creek Tract*. Triton Coal Company filed this new LBA for the Buckskin Mine. Approximately 1,015.51 acres and 135 million tons of Federal coal are involved. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the North Hay Creek Tract.

8. Any other LBAs filed before the October 25, 2000, meeting.

The RCT may generate recommendation(s) for any or all of these topics:

Any party interested in providing comments or data related to the above pending applications may either do so in writing to the State Director (925), Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, no later than October 13, 2000, or by addressing the RCT with his/her concerns at the meeting on October 25, 2000.

The draft agenda for the meeting follows:

1. Introduction of RCT Members and guests.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 1999, Regional Coal Team meeting held in Gillette, Wyoming.

3. Industry Presentations:

—Jacobs Ranch Coal Company
—Belle Ayr Coal Company
—Evergreen Enterprises
—Powder River Coal Company
—Ark Land Company
—Triton Coal Company

4. Other pending coal action updates

5. RCT Activity Planning
Recommendations

—Review and recommendation(s) on pending Lease Application(s).

6. Discussion of the next meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-00-1020-PB]

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 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 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on October 12 and 13, 2000, at the Copper Manor Motel, 710 Silver Heights Blvd, Silver City, NM 88062.

There will be an optional all day field trip on Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Transportation will be provided for RAC members. The optional field trip will be organized by the Las Cruces Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and hosted by Phelps Dodge Mining Company, which operates the Chino, Tyrone and Cobre mines near Silver City.

The Field Tour will leave from the Copper Manor Motel at 8:00 a.m. and proceed to the Gila River area near Cliff, NM. Mr. Thomas L. Shelley, Manager of Environmental Services at Phelps Dodge Tyrone, Inc., will provide a tour of Southwestern Willow Flycatcher habitat managed by the Tyrone Mine. The Southwestern Willow Flycatcher is a small, migratory bird classified as endangered by the Endangered Species Act. This portion of the Gila River valley is home to the largest known population of this species. The tour will proceed to the Chino Mine. An overview presentation of the Chino facility will be given. The Chino Mine will be toured during the afternoon. The tour will return to Silver City by 5:00 p.m.

The meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2000, starts at 8:00 a.m. and will end about 5:00 p.m.

The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon

or evening meetings on this day. The exact time and location of the Subcommittee meetings will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee earlier in the day during the RAC meeting. On Friday, October 13, 2000, the meeting starts at 8:00 a.m. and will end about 3:00 p.m. The ending time of 3:00 p.m. may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC. The draft agenda for the RAC meeting includes agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft minutes of the last RAC meeting on August 23 through 25, 2000, in Gallup, NM, a check-in from the RAC members and the following planned presentations that also include discussion: A brief review of the OHV issue which was discussed in depth at the last meeting, an overview by Joseph Brunner, Manager of Environmental Services, Chino Mine Services, of a project to study the impacts of historic mining operations on human health and the environment in and around the Santa Rita Mine, and to remediate those impacts, and a presentation by Eddie Humphrey, Manager of Environmental remediation at the Pinos Altos Mine Reclamation Project, a small underground mine near Silver City. The Bureau of Land Management and the State of New Mexico will also provide speakers on the main topics. Jon Borne, New Mexico State University, Regional Task Force on the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher has been invited, as well a speaker from New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

The meeting is open to the public, and starting at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2000, there will be an additional 15 minute Public Comment Period for members of the public who are not able to be present for the regular Public Comment Period on Friday, October 13, to address the RAC. The meeting on Friday, August 25 will start at 8:00 a.m. with a review of the agenda thus far. At 8:15 a.m., BLM State of the Field Office Reports will take place, presented by Field Office managers with a concentration on conditions of grazing allotments, community based planning, abandoned mines, assessments of fundamentals (Standards and Guidelines).

The regular Public Comment Period for the Public to address the RAC is on Friday, August 25, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 12:00 noon depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. Anyone wishing to address the RAC should be present at the 10:00 a.m. starting time. The length of time

available for each person to address the RAC will be established at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people wish to address the RAC. At the completion of public comments, the RAC may continue discussion on its agenda items. Scheduled at 1:00 p.m. are RAC Subcommittee Reports from the Urban and Open Space Subcommittee, the Roads and Trails Subcommittee, and the Oil and Gas Subcommittee. These reports are followed by RAC discussions and any RAC recommendations, development of draft agenda items, selection of a location for the next RAC meeting and a RAC assessment of the current meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary White, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7404.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

Richard A. Whitley,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-929-00-1910-HE-4677-UT940]

Montana: Filing of Amended Protraction Diagram Plats

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of the amended protraction diagrams accepted August 18 and 21, 2000, of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Montana State Office, Billings Montana, thirty (30) days from the date of this publication.

Tps. 21, 22, 23, and 24 N., Rs. 31, 32, 33, and 34 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 31 Index of

unsurveyed Townships 21, 22, 23, and 24 North, Ranges 31, 32, 33, and 34 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 21 N., R. 31 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 21 North, Range 31 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 22 N., R. 31 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 22 North, Range 31 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 23 N., R. 31 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 23 North, Range 31 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 21 N., R. 32 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 21 North, Range 32 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 22 N., R. 32 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 22 North, Range 32 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 23 N., R. 32 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 23 North, Range 32 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 24 N., R. 32 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 24 North, Range 32 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 23 N., R. 32 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 23 North, Range 32 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 24 N., R. 33 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 24 North, Range 33 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

T. 24 N., R. 34 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 31 of unsurveyed Township 24 North, Range 34 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 21, 2000.

Tps. 22, 23, 24, and 25 N., Rs. 28, 29, and 30 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 32 Index of unsurveyed Townships 22, 23, 24, and 25 North, Ranges 28, 29, and 30 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

T. 22 N., R. 28 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 32 of unsurveyed Township 22 North, Range 28 West,

Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

T. 23 N., R. 28 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 32 of unsurveyed Township 23 North, Range 28 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

T. 24 N., R. 28 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 32 of unsurveyed Township 24 North, Range 28 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

T. 25 N., R. 28 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 32 of unsurveyed Township 25 North, Range 28 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

T. 23 N., R. 29 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 32 of unsurveyed Township 23 North, Range 29 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

T. 24 N., R. 29 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 32 of unsurveyed Township 24 North, Range 29 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

T. 24 N., R. 30 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 32 of unsurveyed Township 24 North, Range 30 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 18, 2000.

The amended protraction diagrams were prepared at the request of the U.S. Forest Service to accommodate Revision of Primary Base Quadrangle Maps for the Geomtronics Service Center.

A copy of the preceding described plats of the amended protraction diagrams accepted August 18 and 21, 2000, will be immediately placed in the open files and will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If a protest against these amended protraction diagrams, accepted August 18 and 21, 2000, as shown on these plats, is received prior to the date of the official filings, the filings will be stayed pending consideration of the protests.

These particular plats of the amended protraction diagrams will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been accepted or dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

Steven G. Schey,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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