

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Triton Coal Company, LLC of Gillette, WY. The West Roundup Tract was previously offered on October 27, 2004, and the one bid received at that sale was rejected because it did not meet the BLM's estimate of fair market value. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located southeast of Wright, Wyoming, in southeastern Campbell County approximately 7 miles east of State Highway 59 and 5 miles south of State Highway 450:

- T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th PM, Wyoming
 - Sec. 4: Lots 17, 18;
 - Sec. 5: Lots 17–20;
 - Sec. 6: Lots 8–23;
 - Sec. 7: Lots 5–14;
 - Sec. 8: Lots 1–12;
 - Sec. 9: Lots 1–8, 11–14;
 - T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M, Wyoming
 - Sec. 31: Lots 13–20;
 - T. 42 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M, Wyoming
 - Sec. 1: Lots 5, 6, 11–14, 19, 20.
- Containing 2,812.51 acres, more or less.

The tract is crossed by the Reno County Road and by the rail spur to the North Rochelle Mine and is adjacent to Federal coal leases held by the North Rochelle Mine to the east and the Black Thunder Mine to the north, and to State of Wyoming coal leases to the northwest and southeast. The northwest State lease is controlled by the Black Thunder Mine while the southeast State lease is controlled by the North Antelope/Rochelle Mine. The tract is also adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the south and west.

All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining except lands under the existing rail loop and plant facilities serving the North Rochelle Mine. These areas are protected from premature development by a USDA-Forest Service special use permit, which has determined that these areas are unsuitable for mining. However, these areas can be made suitable for mining by removing these features and using temporary loadout facilities farther west at the end of mine life. Other features, such as the county road, can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, numerous oil and/or gas wells have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of the future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining or re-established after mining is completed. A small portion of the surface estate of the

tract is controlled by the North Rochelle Mine but most of the surface estate is controlled by the United States and the Black Thunder Mine.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. On the tract, the Wyodak is generally a thick seam with one thin upper split and two thin lower splits. The lower splits are not continuous over the LBA tract, but are often merged into the main seam. The upper split is generally present, but is often too thin to recover. The main seam ranges from about 53–79 feet thick, while the splits range from about 0–16 feet thick for the upper one and from about 0–8 and 0–5 feet thick for each of the lower two, respectively, where they occur. The overburden depths range from about 185–465 feet thick on the LBA. The interburden between the upper split and the main seam is from 0–30 feet, while the lower splits are from 0–13 feet from the main seam and from 0–7 feet from each other.

The tract contains an estimated 327,186,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main seam and splits mentioned above but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. The tract includes approximately 76,355,000 tons of mineable coal under the rail spur and plant facilities serving the North Rochelle Mine, which can be mined at the end of mine life. It does not include either the State of Wyoming coal in the northwest, which is expected to be recovered by the Black Thunder Mine, or the State of Wyoming coal in the southeast, which is not expected to be recovered at this time. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 4.3:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The West Roundup LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8790 BTU/lb with about 0.2% sulfur and 1.6% sodium in the ash. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the high end of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids

should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m., on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, and of a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW151134, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Phillip C. Perlewitz,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID–200–1120–PH]

Notice of February Resource Advisory Council Meeting To Be Held in Twin Falls District, ID

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intent to hold a Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting for in the Twin Falls District of Idaho on Wednesday, February 9, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Oak Room at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Boulevard, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council consists of the standard fifteen members residing throughout south central Idaho. The February meeting will be the second meeting for the new group, formed after Idaho's BLM Districts separated from three to four in October of 2004. Meeting agenda items will include updates on planning efforts, including the Craters of the Moon Management Plan and Fire Management Direction Amendment; Shoshone/Bannock tribal perspectives; energy development within the Burley

and Shoshone Field Offices in the Twin Falls District; sage grouse status and statewide plan; and the wild horse program in the Jarbidge Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sky Buffat, Twin Falls District, Idaho, 378 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208) 732-7307.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

Howard Hedrick,

Twin Falls District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-922-05-1310-FI; COC66815]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease COC66815

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC66815 for lands in Rio Blanco County, Colorado, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Beverly A. Derringer, Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303-239-3765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$155 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease COC66815 effective May 1, 2004, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: November 19, 2004.

Beverly A. Derringer,

Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU78300]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU78300 for lands in Grand County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from June 1, 2004, the date of termination, have been paid.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Catlin, Acting Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals at (801) 539-4122.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee for the lease has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU78300, effective June 1, 2004, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Teresa Catlin,

Acting Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1430-EU; NMNM 100778]

Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Lease and Conveyance of Public Land in Sierra County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: This action informs the public that BLM has examined and found suitable approximately 5 acres of public land in Sierra County, New Mexico for lease or conveyance to the City of Elephant Butte under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification must be submitted on or before February 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorraine Salas, Realty Specialist at the above address or by telephone at (505) 525-4388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land in Sierra County, New Mexico has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the City of Elephant Butte under the provisions of the R&PP Act; as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The land is hereby classified for use as a city operations center. In accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f and Executive Order No. 6910, the described land is hereby classified suitable for lease or conveyance.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 13 S., R. 4 W., NMPM

Sec. 10, lot 1

Containing 5 acres, more or less.

This action will make the land, which is not needed for Federal purposes and is identified for disposal in the White Sands Resource Management Plan, available to support community expansion. Lease or conveyance of the land for recreational or public purpose use would be in the public interest.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Lease or conveyance will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations.

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

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

4. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines