

Section 18: Lots 5, 12, 13, and 20;
T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 31: Lots 5 thru 20;
 Section 32: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Section 33: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Section 34: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Section 35: Lots 1 thru 16;

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 1: Lots 5, 6, 11, and 12;

Containing 4,023.460 acres more or less.

The BLM has recommended that the following lands be excluded from the tract to enhance the value of remaining unleased Federal coal in the area:

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 1: Lots 5, 6, 11, and 12;

Containing 161.24 acres more or less.

The BLM further recommended that the following lands be included in the tract to avoid a potential bypass situation in the future:

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 19: Lot 5, and Lot 12 (N $\frac{1}{2}$);
 Section 20: Lots 1 thru 4, Lot 5 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lot 6 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lot 7 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), and Lot 8 (N $\frac{1}{2}$);
 Section 21: Lot 4, and Lot 5 (N $\frac{1}{2}$);

Containing 362.005 acres more or less.

The tract as amended by the BLM contains a total of 4,224.225 acres and approximately 534 million tons of Federal coal and includes the following lands:

T. 41 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 6: Lots 10 thru 13 and 18 thru 21;
 Section 7: Lots 6, 11, 14, and 19;
 Section 18: Lots 5, 12, 13, and 20;
 Section 19: Lot 5, and Lot 12 (N $\frac{1}{2}$);
 Section 20: Lots 1 thru 4, Lot 5 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lot 6 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lot 7 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), and Lot 8 (N $\frac{1}{2}$);
 Section 21: Lot 4, and Lot 5 (N $\frac{1}{2}$);

T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 31: Lots 5 thru 20;
 Section 32: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Section 33: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Section 34: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Section 35: Lots 1 thru 16.

The North Antelope and Rochelle Mines are contiguous mines which are both adjacent to the lease application area. Both mines have approved mining and reclamation plans. The Rochelle Mine has an air quality permit approved by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (WDEQ/AQD) to mine up to 30 million tons of coal per year. The North Antelope Mine has an air quality permit approved by the WDEQ/AQD to mine up to 35 million tons of coal per year. According to the application, Powder River Coal Company plans no production increase at either mine solely from the acquisition of the proposed lease; the additional tonnage would extend the life of both mines.

Powder River Coal Company previously acquired a maintenance coal lease (WYW119554, issued effective 10/1/92) containing approximately 3,064

acres adjacent to the North Antelope and Rochelle Mines using the LBA process.

On April 14, 1995, Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation filed a coal lease application with the BLM for a maintenance tract LBA for the following lands, which contain an estimated 427 million tons of Federal coal:

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 4: Lots 8, 9, and 15 thru 18;
 Section 5: Lots 5 thru 20;
 Section 6: Lots 8 thru 23;
 Section 7: Lots 5 thru 7, Lot 8 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lots 9 thru 12; Lot 13 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$), and Lot 19 (NE $\frac{1}{4}$);

Section 8: Lots 1 thru 16;

Section 9: Lots 3 thru 6 and 11 thru 14;

T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 1: Lots 5 thru 15, 19, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Containing 3,395.915 acres more or less.

The BLM has recommended that the following acreage be included in the tract to avoid a potential bypass situation in the future:

T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 1: Lot 16 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lots 17 and 18;
 Section 12: Lot 1, and Lot 2 (NE $\frac{1}{4}$);
 Containing 149.588 acres more or less.

The tract as amended by the BLM contains a total of 3,545.503 acres and approximately 450 million tons of Federal coal and includes the following lands:

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 4: Lots 8, 9, and 15 thru 18;
 Section 5: Lots 5 thru 20;
 Section 6: Lots 8 thru 23;
 Section 7: Lots 5 thru 7, Lot 8 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lots 9 thru 12, Lot 13 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$), and Lot 19 (NE $\frac{1}{4}$);
 Section 8: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Section 9: Lots 3 thru 6 and 11 thru 14;

T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 1: Lots 5 thru 15, Lot 16 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), Lots 17 thru 19, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Section 12: Lot 1, and Lot 2 (NE $\frac{1}{4}$).

The acreage applied for in Kerr McGee's application is known as the Thundercloud tract. It is described in a 1983 BLM document entitled "Powder River Coal Region Tract Summaries," which was prepared in anticipation of a Federal coal sale proposed for 1984 that did not take place.

The Jacobs Ranch Mine has an air quality permit approved by the WDEQ/AQD to mine up to 35 million tons of coal per year. According to Kerr-McGee, the additional coal reserves would extend the life of the current mining operations at the Jacobs Ranch Mine.

Kerr-McGee previously acquired a maintenance coal lease (WYW117924, issued effective 10/1/92) containing approximately 1,709 acres adjacent to the Jacobs Ranch Mine under the LBA process.

The Powder River Regional Coal Team reviewed both competitive lease applications at their meeting on April 23, 1996, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and recommended that both be processed.

The DEIS analyzes three alternatives. The Proposed Action is to lease one or both tracts as applied for to the successful bidder at separate, competitive sales. The second alternative, Alternative 1, is the No Action Alternative, which assumes that neither tract will be leased. The third alternative, Alternative 2, is to lease one or both tracts as modified by BLM to the successful bidder at separate, competitive sales.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because the surface of some of the land included in both tracts is owned by the Federal government and administered by the USFS as part of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is also a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because it is the Federal agency that would review the mining plans for the two tracts if they are leased, and recommend approval or disapproval of the mining plans to the Secretary of the Interior.

Dated: August 20, 1997.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-97-1020-00-24-1 A]

Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council—Notice of Meeting Location and Times

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource advisory council meeting locations and times.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes a business meeting, public comment period and a tour of the new BLM facilities.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time

allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Joan Sweetland, Carson City District Office, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706 (702) 885-6107 or 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City 89701 after September 15, 1997 (702) 885-6107.

DATES: The date is September 26, 1997. The council will meet at the Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada at 8 a.m. on September 26. The Agenda will include a business meeting, approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, a review of scoping comments proposed for the Black Rock Desert Management Plan, discussion of management alternatives for the proposed plan, and discussion of the role of the Council in developing the Black Rock Desert Management Plan. The public comment period will be at 4:30 p.m. and adjournment at 5 p.m. There will be an option tour of the BLM new office and wareyard after adjournment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Singlaub, Carson City District Manager, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0638 (702) 885-6000.

Dated: August 18, 1997.

Kelly Madigan,

Associate District Manager for Support Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-050-1220-00]

Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) will be held on September 18, 1997 in Canon City, Colorado.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Canon City District Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado. The meeting will be a continuation of the last meeting and will focus on developing recreation guidelines and will include a presentation on the Cochetopa Hills Travel Management Plan.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. The District Manager may limit the length of oral presentations depending on the number of people wishing to speak.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 1997 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Ken Smith, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Canon City District Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City Colorado 81212; Telephone (719) 269-8500; TDD (719) 269-8597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Canon City District Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Donnie R. Sparks,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Southwest New Mexico Playa Lakes Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Southeast New Mexico Playa Lakes coordinating committee meeting.

DATES: September 24, 1997, beginning at 9:00 am.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edwin L. Roberson, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2909 W. 2nd Street, Roswell, NM 88201, (505) 627-0242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is responsible for coordinating investigations and mitigation measures needed to resolve the issue of wildlife mortality on the playas in southeastern New Mexico. The

agenda will include review and discussion of the final "Investigation of Avian Mortality on Playa Lakes in SE New Mexico" report and what direction the Committee should take to address issues and concerns contained in this report. The meeting will be held at the Carlsbad Resource Area Office, 620 E. Green, Carlsbad, NM, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Summary minutes will be maintained in the Roswell District Office and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) within 30 days following the meeting. Copies will be available for the cost of duplication.

Dated: August 20, 1997.

Edwin L. Roberson,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-985-0777-66]

Seasonal Road Closure to Motorized Vehicles on the Outlaw Cave Road, Johnson County, WY

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations 8364.1, the Outlaw Cave Road (BLM Road No. 6217), as listed below, is hereby closed to motorized vehicles from November 16th until April 15th or until conditions permit.

Outlaw Cave Road (BLM No. 6217)

Johnson County, Wyoming, 6th Principal Meridian

T. 42N., R. 84W.

Section 21

Section 22

Section 23, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This seasonal closure will remain in effect between November 16 through April 15 of each year until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil O. Schiche, Casper District (Buffalo Resource Area), 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834, (307-684-1100).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action was analyzed in environmental assessment No. WY-061-5-52. The decision record was signed on March 28, 1996. This seasonal road closure was implemented between November 16, 1996 through April 15, 1997 for a trial basis. The seasonal closure will now become permanent until further notice. The seasonal road closure was established to help prevent damage to