

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-001631

Applicant: Kurt Von Besser, Orangeburg, SC.

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Viscount Melville polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

PRT-001978

Applicant: Joseph E. Crawley, Ballwin, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: September 15, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Two West Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401, Telephone (912) 238-1234, FAX (912) 944-3678.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Council at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Alcorn, Council Coordinator, at 703/836-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) will convene to discuss: (1) The ongoing effort to monitor and evaluate Federal agency activities pursuant to Executive Order 12962 for Recreational Fisheries and (2) the status of the strategic plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program. Under Executive Order 12962, the Council is required to monitor and annually report its findings on various Federal agencies' actions and policies for protecting, restoring, and enhancing recreational fishery resources. The Council will hear a report from its Technical Working Group on the annual assessment of agency accomplishments under Executive Order 12962. The Council is also charged by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to recommend a strategic plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program, pursuant to the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998. This meeting will be to discuss the final draft of the strategic plan and to approve a final recommendation to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. Public comment will be sought at the conclusion of the agenda.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

Cathleen Short,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-08-1320-01; WYW136458]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale; Thundercloud Tract; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the Thundercloud Tract, described below, in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 1, 1998. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Wednesday, September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107) of the Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, Or Melvin Schlager, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258 and 307-775-6257, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation (Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation has changed its name to Jacobs Ranch Coal Company and is now a subsidiary of Kennecott Energy and Coal Company). The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in southeastern Campbell County approximately 40 miles south-southeast of Gillette, Wyoming, and about 7 miles east of State Highway 59 along state Highway 450, the access road to the Black Thunder and Jacobs Ranch mines:

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 4: Lots 8, 9, 15 thru 18;
 Sec. 5: Lots 5 thru 20;
 Sec. 6: Lots 8 thru 23;
 Sec. 7: Lots 5 thru 7, 8 (N2), 9 thru 12, 13 (N2 & SE), 19 (NE);
 Sec. 8: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Sec. 9: Lots 3 thru 6, 11 thru 14;
 T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 1: Lots 5 thru 15, 16 (N2), 17 thru 19, SENE;
 Sec. 12, Lots 1, 2 (NE).
 Containing 3545.503 acres, more or less.

The tract is adjacent to the Black Thunder and Jacobs Ranch mines. It contains surface minable coal reserves in two seams currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. The Wyodak seam averages about 72 feet thick and is the primary recoverable coal seam on the tract. A rider seam separates from the top of the Wyodak in portions of the tract averaging about 10

feet thick. There are no coal outcrops on the tract.

The overburden above the main seam ranges from about 100–300 feet thick on the LBA. The total in-place stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is 2.57:1.

The tract contains an estimated 412 million tons of minable coal. This estimate of minable reserves includes the rider seam mentioned above but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. In addition, the southern boundary of the tract follows the railroad spur and State highway serving the adjacent mines. Coal recovery in this area depends on the economic feasibility of relocating the spur and roadway.

The Thundercloud Tract coal is ranked a subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8810 BTU/lb, 27.93% moisture, 4.48% ash, 0.34% sulfur, and 1.45% sodium in ash. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the high end of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the southern Powder River Basin south of Wright, Wyoming.

There are several oil and gas wells from the Hilight Field on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of the future oil and gas 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. Other costs considered will include moving or removing roads, pipelines, and surface facilities.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid equals 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 Wednesday, September 30, 1998, 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.

If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale Official's

announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

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 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 Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW136458, are available for inspection at the Wyoming State Office.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

Robert A. Bennett,

Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands Authorizations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in the possession of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Museum of Anthropology professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri, and the Sac and Fox Nation of the Mississippi in Iowa.

In 1964, human remains representing two individuals were recovered along the Chariton River, Adair County, MO following their disturbance during farming activity by Richard Marshall and Marvin Kay, staff members of the American Archaeology Division, Department of Anthropology, University

of Missouri-Columbia. No known individuals were identified. The 23 associated funerary objects include prismatic gun flints, trade silver earrings, brooches and bracelets, textiles, a hand-blown green glass bottle, white porcelain beads, brown glass seed beads, pewter buttons, and brass buttons.

Based on manner of interment and associated funerary objects, these individuals have been determined to be Native American. The associated funerary objects date these burials to the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries (1785–1809 A.D.). The age, location, and manner of interment are all consistent with Sac and Fox (Mesquaki) cultures present in this area at the close of the eighteenth century.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Museum of Anthropology have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Museum of Anthropology have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2), the 23 objects listed above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the Museum of Anthropology have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri, and the Sac and Fox Nation of the Mississippi in Iowa.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri, and the Sac and Fox Nation of the Mississippi in Iowa. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Dr. Michael J. O'Brien, Director, Museum of Anthropology, 317 Lowry Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211; telephone: (573) 882-4421, before September 25, 1998. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri, and the Sac and Fox Nation of the Mississippi in