

Based upon BLM's recommendation, Ark amended their application to include an additional 1280 acres of Federal land containing approximately 59 million tons of in-place coal reserves and deleted 190 acres of Federal land which either contained no recoverable coal or were unsuitable for coal mining. These modifications to the lease tract were made to enable preparation of a reasonable underground mine plan with enough reserves for a new mine start. Ark's amended Federal coal lease application contains a total of 5235.15 acres and approximately 149.7 million tons of in-place coal. There are an estimated 235.9 million tons of private and State coal within the Project Area.

Coal mining would be conducted by Arch of Wyoming, Inc. (Arch), an affiliate of Ark, if it is successful in obtaining a Federal coal lease in the proposed Project Area. Arch has operated coal mines in the Hanna Basin Region of Carbon County since 1972.

The FEIS analyzes two alternatives in detail—the Proposed Action and a No Action Alternative. Under the Proposed Action, the preferred alternative, the BLM would hold a competitive lease sale for surface-minable and underground-minable Federal coal. The Proposed Action analyzes leasing Federal coal for both the Elk Mountain surface mining operation and the Saddleback Hills underground mining operation and examines 10 options for transporting coal to processing/loadout facilities. The No Action Alternative analyzes no leasing of any Federal coal in the Project Area. A "no mining" alternative (no mining of any Federal, State, or private coal in the Project Area) is not analyzed in detail. Seventy-nine percent of the surface-minable coal within the Project Area is privately owned and BLM believes that the private surface coal could be economically mined even if the Federal coal were not leased. If no Federal coal were leased, the non-Federal underground coal reserves would be uneconomical to mine because of the difficulty of mining small tracts of intermingled private and State coal.

The United States Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining (OSM) is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. OSM is the Federal agency that administers surface coal mining under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was made available to the public on August 7, 1998. Thirteen written comment letters were received on the draft document. They are included, with the responses, in Chapter 8.0 of the FEIS.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION:** Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 at the beginning of your written comment. 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.

Dated: December 31, 1998.

**Alan R. Pierson,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-09-1020-00]

#### New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting Cancellation

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Cancellation 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), announced a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting was to be held on January 21 and 22, 1999 at the Doubletree Hotel, 3347 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM.

This is notice that the meeting is cancelled. There are seven vacancies on the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (NM/RAC) and to date no replacement appointments have been made by the Secretary of the Interior. Since the fifteen member RAC would not have a quorum if a meeting were held it is felt that the scheduled January 21-22, 1999 NM/RAC meeting should be cancelled and rescheduled when the seven vacant positions are filled.

The process of receiving nominations for appointments to the NM/RAC

occurred last May and it is those applications that were received that are under consideration now for appointment. Since it is not known when the seven appointments will be made the NM/RAC meeting scheduled for January 21-22, 1999 is cancelled. The next meeting will be rescheduled as soon as appointments are made and arrangements to hold the meeting can be completed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Armstrong, New Mexico State Office, Planning and Policy Team, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, PO Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7436.

**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: January 5, 1999.

**M.J. Chavez,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-1430-01: WYW-143438]

#### Realty Action; Restricted Access to Public Right-of-Way, Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** The following public land in Teton County will be closed to public access from March 15 to September 1 of each year to provide a disturbance free area for raptor activity under Section 3 and Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544).

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 40 N. R. 116 W.

Section 34, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

These lands contain approximately 0.40 acres.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM proposes to put up a gate and sign to restrict public access on the above described land. This closure will protect raptor habitat.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Grace Jensen, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, 307-367-5313.

The environmental assessment covering the proposal will be available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be closed at the designated times.

For a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of issuance of this notice, interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections this proposed realty action will become final.

Dated: January 5, 1999.

**Leslie Theiss,**

*Field Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (PL 92-463) that the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission will meet on Friday, January 29, 1999. The meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m. at the Centre culturel du Mont-Carmel, Lille, Aroostook County, Maine.

The Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act (PL 101-543). The purpose of the Commission is to advise the National Park Service with respect to:

\*The implementation of an interpretive program of Acadian culture in the state of Maine.

\*The proceedings of a joint meeting with the Maine Acadian Heritage Council.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Review of December 18, 1998, summary report.
2. Speaker: Louis Picard on "Historic Preservation in Canadian Madawaska."
3. Report of the National Park Service project staff.

4. Opportunity for public comment.
5. Proposed agenda, place, and date of the next Commission meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Commission meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177; telephone (207) 288-5459.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

**Paul F. Haertel,**

*Superintendent, Acadia National Park.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Mojave National Preserve Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Mojave National Preserve Advisory Commission will be held January 27, 1999; assemble at 9:00 AM at the Hole-in-the-Wall Visitor Center, Mojave National Preserve, California.

The agenda: Update on the General Management Plan and an Overview of Other Park Planning.

The Advisory Commission was established by PL #103-433 to provide for the advice on development and implementation of the General Management Plan.

Members of the Commission are:

Michael Attaway  
Irene Ausmus  
Rob Blair  
Peter Burk  
Dennis Casebier  
Donna Davis  
Kathy Davis  
Gerald Freeman  
Willis Herron  
Elden Hughes  
Claudia Luke  
Clay Overson  
Norbert Riedy  
Mal Wessel

This meeting is open to the public.

**Dennis Schramm,**

*Acting Superintendent, Mojave National Preserve.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** The Superintendent of Lake Clark National Park and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Lake Clark National Park announce a forthcoming meeting of the Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Chairman's welcome.
- (2) Introduction of Commission members and guests.
- (3) Review agenda.
- (4) Approval of minutes of last meeting.
- (5) Old business:
  - a. Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Plan draft review
  - b. Subsistence Resource Commission Chair's Workshop report.
- (6) New Business:
  - a. Resource update.
  - b. Review proposals to change Federal Subsistence Management regulations.
  - c. National Park Service Subsistence Issue paper.
  - d. Membership status.
- (7) Agency comments and public comments.
- (8) Determine time and date of next meeting.
- (9) Adjournment.

**DATES:** January 21, 1999, 10:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The meeting location is: Pedro Bay Community Hall, Pedro, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deb Liggett, Superintendent, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, 4230 University Drive #311, Anchorage, Alaska 99508. Phone (907) 271-3751.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

**Robert D. Barbee,**  
*Regional Director.*

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