

Dated: October 9, 2001.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-79324]

Recreation and Public Purposes, Classification; Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Kane County, Utah has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease under the provisions of the R&PP Act of 1954, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SENE, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NESWNE, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, Section 21 T. 43 S., R. 6 W. SLBM containing 175 Acres more or less.

Kane County intends to use the land for a public trail and mountain park. The land is not needed for a Federal purpose. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management land use planning and would be in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Olsen, 318 North 100 East, Kanab, UT 84741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Classification: The following public land in Kane County, Utah has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease under the provisions of the R&PP Act of 1954, as amended (68 Statue 173):

N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SENE, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NESWNE, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, Section 21 T. 43 S., R. 6 W. SLBM.

Kane County intends to use the land for a public trail and mountain park. The land is not needed for a Federal purpose. Lease is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management land use planning and would be in the public interest. The land is hereby segregated from appropriation under any other public land law, including locations under the mining laws.

DATES: On or before December 17, 2001, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed classification. In the absence of adverse comments, the

classification will become effective December 31, 2001.

Tom Terry,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-01-1320-EL-P; MTM 91293]

Notice of Invitation to Participate in Coal Exploration License Application

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

ACTION: Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 91293.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Spring Creek Coal Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands located in Big Horn County, Montana, encompassing 120.00 acres:

T. 8 S., R. 39 W., P. M. M.

Sec. 9: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 27: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 35: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, *in writing*, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800; and Spring Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box 67, Decker, Montana 59025. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 91293 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Sheridan Press* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Sheridan Press*, Sheridan, Wyoming.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Spring Creek Coal Company, is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner,

Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5060, respectively.

Dated: October 5, 2001.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-4120-EQ; NMNM 107171]

Invitation To Participate; Exploration for Coal in New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with San Juan Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are located in San Juan County, New Mexico, and are described as follows:

T. 30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM

Sec. 9: All;

Sec. 10: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 15: All;

Sec. 21: All;

Sec. 22: All;

Sec. 27: All;

Sec. 28: All;

Sec. 33: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 34: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Containing 5,802.15 acres, more or less. Interested parties may obtain a complete description of the lands covered in the license application by contacting the San Juan Coal Company, or the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, Solid Minerals Adjudication, PO Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115.

Any parties electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify in writing, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, PO Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115, and the San Juan Coal Company, PO Box 561, Waterflow, NM 87421. Such written notice must include a justification for wanting to participate and any recommended changes in the exploration plan with specific reasons for such changes. The notice must be received no later than 30-calendar days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

This proposed exploration program is for the purpose of determining the quality and quantity of the coal in the area and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. A copy of the exploration plan as submitted by the San Juan Coal Company may be examined at the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505, and the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401.

Dated: October 10, 2001.

M.J. Chávez,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-010-1430-EU/1430-HM; NM 101522]

Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Land Exchange With the Pueblo of San Felipe; Albuquerque Field Office, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Albuquerque Field Office has completed the FEIS for the land exchange with the Pueblo of San Felipe. This FEIS documents the BLM's analysis of three alternative courses of action for exchanging public lands administered by the BLM in Sandoval and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico for private lands in Taos County, New Mexico. The lands in Taos County lie along the Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River and within the Orilla Verde Recreation Area, identified as two of the BLM's high-priority acquisition areas.

The goals of this exchange are to enable the BLM to more effectively meet multiple use management objectives; to consolidate BLM-managed lands for more effective and efficient resource protection, enhancement and use; to give San Felipe Pueblo direct control over those lands having traditional, historical and cultural values and uses; and to greatly enhance the privacy often required for the pueblo's uses. When the lands are held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, these uses would be supported through the tribal government's direct supervision.

The BLM will retain restrictive covenants on the lands being received by the pueblo. The purposes of the restrictive covenants are to conserve important habitat for wildlife and open space, to conserve the diverse vegetative communities and the wildlife inhabiting these communities, and to preserve the lands in their present condition, without interfering with any uses of the property by the San Felipe Pueblo that are consistent with protecting these conservation values.

This FEIS includes changes to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement based on public comments, staff review, and the availability of updated information. Alternative A, the Proposed Action, is the BLM's preferred alternative.

DATES: The document is available for review for 30 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Availability by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the **Federal Register**. To be considered, all comments must be postmarked within this 30-day timeframe.

After reviewing the comments, the BLM will publish a Record of Decision. Interested parties will have 45 days to protest the decision (under 43 CFR 1610.5-2). After this period, the decision can be implemented.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Edwin Singleton, Field Manager, BLM Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañito Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935. Copies are available for review at this address. The document is also available on the Internet at www.nm.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Debby Lucero, Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañito Road NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107-4935; phone (505) 761-8787.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Proposed Action— Alternative A, the Proposed Action, involves an equal-value exchange of approximately 9,460 acres of BLM lands that have high traditional and cultural pueblo values for about 268.7 acres of privately owned, high-value recreation lands. The private lands are located along the Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River and within the Orilla Verde Recreation Area. They would be incorporated into the Orilla Verde Recreation Area and managed under the principles of multiple use, consistent with the Taos Resource Management Plan (1988), as amended.

Other Alternatives Analyzed— Under Alternative B, an additional 1,447 acres of federal land would be exchanged for an equal value of private lands

identified in the BLM's high-priority acquisition areas.

Under Alternative C, the No Action Alternative, the proposed land exchange would not occur. The BLM would not benefit from consolidating the public lands along the Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River and within the Orilla Verde Recreation Area. The federal land would continue to be managed under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield.

Dated: September 14, 2001.

Steven W. Anderson,

Assistant Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-01-1610-PD]

Notification of Approved Off Road Vehicle and Area of Critical Environmental Concern Designations, Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment, Nevada

January 9, 2001.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, Nevada.

ACTION: Notification of Approved Off Road Vehicle and Area of Critical Environmental Concern Designation Decisions within the Southern Washoe County Urban interface Plan Amendment, Carson City Field Office, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment amends a portion of the Lahontan Resource Management Plan (RMP). The purpose is to provide for improved management of public lands in the Reno and Sparks metropolitan area. The amendment identifies areas where public lands will be retained in ownership by the people of the United States; areas where public lands are available for acquisition by State or local agencies or the private sector; areas appropriate for acquisition by the BLM; and how public lands will be managed.

The Land Use Master Plans of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, and the Washoe County Regional Open Space Plan define and delineate open space in southern Washoe County. Open Space in Washoe County is defined as: *Undeveloped land that encompasses natural, scenic, cultural, and recreational resources important to the local quality-of-life.* A large portion of the land described in the above plans as