

collected from walrus outside of the United States.

Notice is hereby given that on October 10, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 15, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32636), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by California Department of Fish and Game, Santa Cruz, California, for a permit (PRT-039953) to take and hold Southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) for rehabilitation purposes.

Notice is hereby given that on October 10, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested activities under a Letter of Authorization subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On August 29, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 45689), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Thomas Edward Ferry for a permit (PRT-043735) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), taken from the Viscount Melville population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 15, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32636), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bruce DeShano for a permit (PRT-043824) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 4, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: October 19, 2001.

Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Applicant: Mr. Stuart E. Rossell of Toms River, New Jersey. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for black sparrowhawk (*Accipiter melanoleucus*), European sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*), African hawk-eagle (*Heiraaetus spilogaster*), lanner falcon (*Falco biarmicus*), saker falcon (*Falco cherrug*), and red headed falcon (*Falco chicquera*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program along with three other individuals. The California Hawking Club, Inc. has assumed the responsibility of oversight of this program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); Fax: (703/358-2281).

Dated: October 26, 2001.

Andrea Gaski,

Chief, Branch of CITES Operations, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID090-01-2822-JL-F199]

Emergency Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Emergency Closure.

SUMMARY: This notice closes roads, trails, and all cross country travel to mechanized vehicles (motorized vehicles and mountain bikes) on BLM administered lands within the perimeter of the Frozen Dog Fire in Gem County, Idaho.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Emergency Closure Order is effective immediately through September 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Four Rivers Field Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, Idaho 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daryl Albiston, Four Rivers Field Manager, (208) 384-3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Frozen Dog fire burned portions of public lands in sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 of Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho. The emergency closure is intended to protect soil and watershed values. The closure will be in effect immediately and will expire September 30, 2003. Exceptions to this closure include vehicle use for administrative and emergency purposes. Under special circumstances, the authorized officer may issue a permit allowing vehicle access into the area for specific purposes. Definitions: (a) "Public lands" means any lands or interests in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management; (b) "Authorized Officer" means any employee of the Bureau of Land Management who has been delegated the authority to perform the duties described in this order; (c) "Emergency vehicles" means any fire, law enforcement or military vehicles used for emergency purposes; (d) "Administrative vehicles" refers to any vehicles used by an employee, agent or designated representative of the federal government, or one of its contractors, in the course of their employment, agency or representation. This closure is being established and administered by the Bureau of Land Management Authority for this action is found in CFR Title 43, subpart 8360.0-3 and complies with CFR Title 43, subpart 8364.1 Closure and Restriction Orders. Violation of this

closure order is in accordance with CFR Title 43, subpart 8360.0-7.

Dated: October 1, 2001.

Daryl Albiston,

Four Rivers Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-78562]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid Whitmore Canyon Tract

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155. Notice is hereby given that at 1:00 p.m., December 12, 2001, certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Carbon County, Utah will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). *However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer.* A company or individual is limited to *one sealed bid*. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

This lease is being offered for sale under the provisions set forth in the regulations for Leasing on Application at 43 CFR 3425.

The lease sale will be held in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Suite 302, Salt Lake City, Utah at 1 p.m. on December 12, 2001. At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read. No bids received after 10 a.m., December 12, 2001, will be considered.

Coal Offered: The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah, approximately 4 miles north of East Carbon City, Utah:

- T. 13 S., R. 13 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 35, S2SW, SE.
- T. 14 S., R. 13 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 1, lots 2-7, SWNE, S2NW, SW, W2SE;
Sec. 12, lots 1-4, S2N2, NESW, SE;
Sec. 13, NENE.
- T. 14 S., R. 14 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 6, lot 6;
Sec. 7, lots 3 and 4;
Sec. 18, lot 1, E2NW.
Containing 1,646.34 acres

The tract has one potentially minable coal seam, the Upper Sunnyside. The minable portions of the seam in this area are from 6 to 9 feet in thickness and average 8 feet. This tract contains an estimated 14.8 million tons of recoverable coal.

The estimated coal quality using weighted averages of samples on an as-received basis is:

- 13,256 BTU/lb.;
- 4.70 Percent moisture;
- 1.26 Percent sulphur;
- 5.60 Percent ash;
- 45.98 Percent fixed carbon;
- 36.87 Percent volatile matter

(Totals do not equal 100% due to rounding)

Rental and Royalty: A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with BLM Manual 3070.

Notice of Availability: Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease are available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 or in the Public Room (Room 400), 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: October 24, 2001.

Joseph J. Incardine,

Acting Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-09-1320-01, WYW154839]

Coal Lease Exploration License, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 CFR 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Jacobs Ranch Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell County, WY:

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming, Sec. 26: Lots 3-6 and 11-14. Containing 323.69 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Coal Leasing Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain coal quality data.

ADDRESSES: The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM. Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW154839): BLM, Wyoming State Office (WSO), 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, BLM, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of invitation will be published in "The News-Record" of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of November 5, 2001, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Jacobs Ranch Coal Company no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Jacobs Ranch Coal Company, Attn: Darryl Maunder, Caller Box 3013, Gillette, WY 82717-3013, and the BLM, WSO, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Julie Weaver, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: October 17, 2001.

Phillip C. Perlewitz,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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