

other resources, and permit the Federal agencies to administer and evaluate contract programs. Tribal governments or tribal organizations provide the information by submitting Public Law 93-638 contract or grant proposals to the appropriate Federal agency. No third-party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services request comments on this information collection particularly concerning:

- (1) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies functions;
- (2) Whether this information collection duplicates a collection elsewhere by the federal government;
- (3) Whether the burden estimate is accurate or could be reduced using technology available to all respondents;
- (4) If the quality of the information requested ensures its usefulness to the agencies;
- (5) If the instructions are clear and easily understood, leading to the least burden on the respondents.

Burden Statement

Each respondent is required to respond from 1 to 12 times per year, depending upon the number of programs it contracts from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service. In addition, each subpart concerns information collection for different parts of the contracting process. For example, subpart C relates to initial contract proposal contents. Information collection for subpart C would be unnecessary when contracts are renewed. Subpart F describes minimum standards for the management systems used by Indian tribes or tribal organizations under these contracts. Subpart G addresses the negotiability of all reporting and data requirements in the contract.

Total annual burden: 191,174 hours.

Total number of respondents: 550.

Total number of responses: 5,507.

Dated: June 13, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs,
Department of the Interior.*

Dated: April 30, 2003.

Duane Jeanotte,

*Acting Director of Headquarters Operations,
Department of Health and Human Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-03-1320-EL]

Intent To Prepare a Land Use Analysis/ Environmental Assessment; Alabama

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a land use analysis/environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Eastern States, Jackson Field Office, is preparing a Land Use Analysis/Environmental Assessment (LUA/EA) to consider leasing Federal coal in response to lease application ALES-51589. This notice is issued pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2(c) and 43 CFR part 3420. The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR part 1610. As provided at 43 CFR part 3420, information and data pertaining to the coal deposits or other resources, which potentially may be affected by development of the coal, are requested. The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

Coal companies, state and local governments and the general public are encouraged to submit information to assist in determining (1) coal development potential, and (2) development conflicts with other resources.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before July 21, 2003.

Public Participation: This notice initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public scoping process. The agencies will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to national, regional and local needs and concerns. The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of issues and planning criteria along with submittal of coal or other resource or land use information.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Sid Vogelpohl, Bureau of Land Management, 411 Briarwood, Suite 404; Jackson, MS 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sid Vogelpohl, Bureau of Land Management, (601) 977-5402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The coal lease application, filed by Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, is located in Fayette County, Alabama. The lease application area is

approximately 1.5 miles southeast of Berry, Alabama. The lease application area, totaling 2,887.2 acres, is described as follows:

Township 16 South, Range 10 West,
Huntsville Meridian

Section 14: SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,

Section 15: SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, S¹/₂SE¹/₄,
NE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

Section 21: N¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, E¹/₂,

Section 22: All,

Section 23: NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

Section 26: NW¹/₄NW¹/₄,

Section 27: N¹/₂, SE¹/₄,

Section 28: E¹/₂NE¹/₄, N¹/₂SW¹/₄,

SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄,

Section 31: NE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

Section 33: NE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄,

Section 34: NW¹/₄.

The applicant proposes to mine the Federal coal in the lease application area by underground methods extending from the existing North River Mine. The surface estate overlying the lease application area is privately owned.

The BLM has the responsibility to address coal lease applications on Federal mineral estate under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended. The Office of Surface Mining, in coordination with the State of Alabama, has responsibility to issue Mine Permits under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

Current mining at the North River Mine (Mine Permit P-3222) does not include Federal coal. The coal lease applicant has filed for an amendment to the existing Permit to extend the Mine into Federal coal in the lease application area and associated private coal.

An interdisciplinary team will prepare the LUA/EA. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of coal exploration and development on the surface and subsurface resources and (2) consideration of restrictions on lease rights to protect surface resources.

Preliminary planning criteria developed to guide the preparation of the PA, subject to change as a result of public input, are as follows:

1. Land use planning and environmental analysis will be conducted in accordance with laws, regulations, executive orders and manuals. Planning will be conducted for the federal coal mineral estate (leaseable mineral estates, such as, coal; are under the administration of the BLM).

2. A mine plan scenario will be prepared for the Federal coal resource. The surface estate is privately owned.

3. Resource data needed to evaluate the impacts of coal exploration and mining will be collected.

4. The planning team will work cooperatively with (a) federal, state,

county and local governments and agencies, (b) tribal governments, (c) groups and organizations and (d) individuals. Comments relating to the preliminary issues and planning criteria should be submitted in writing to the address provided above.

An individual, business entity, or public body may participate in this process by providing information regarding coal or other resource information to assist in determining conflicts that may result from issuance of the coal lease. For other resource information, participants are asked to identify the particular resource value, to provide the reason that the resource would conflict with coal development and provide a map (minimal scale 1:24,000) showing the location of the resource.

The information available to the interdisciplinary team will be considered in addressing the specific resources and uses identified in the 20 Unsuitability Criteria listed at 43 CFR part 3461. Screening of the federal coal lands in the application area through the Unsuitable Criteria will result in a determination as to which lands are (1) acceptable for further leasing consideration with standard stipulations or (2) acceptable for further leasing consideration with special stipulations or (3) are unacceptable for further consideration for leasing.

Lands acceptable for further leasing consideration after screening through the Unsuitability Criteria will be further screened in regards to other resource values and uses that could be affected by lease issuance.

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 comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations, businesses and individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Due to the limited scope of this LUA/EA, a public meeting is not scheduled during this scoping stage. However, a public hearing will be conducted, in accordance with 43 CFR part 3420 and 1600, upon the completion of the LUA/EA. This hearing will be announced through the **Federal Register** and a local newspaper, at least 15 days prior to the hearing.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Bruce E. Dawson,

Field Manager, Jackson Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-03-1320-EL-P; MTM 92544]

Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application

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

ACTION: Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 92544.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Kiewit Mining Group, Inc., in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands located in Prairie County, Montana, encompassing 240.00 acres:

T. 11 N., R. 49 E., P. M. M.
Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 27, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 28, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 Kiewit Mining Group, Inc., P.O. Box 3, Decker, Montana 59025. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 92544 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 Terry Tribune*, *Terry*, Montana, or *The Miles City Star*, Miles City, Montana, newspapers, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in *The Terry Tribune*, *Terry*, Montana, and *The Miles City Star*, Miles City, Montana.

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 Kiewit Mining Group, Inc., is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 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: May 16, 2003.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-820-02-5440-DS-C028]

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Amendment to the San Juan/San Miguel Resource Management Plan for a Proposed Ski Area Near Silverton, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and draft amendment to the San Juan/San Miguel Resource Management Plan (RMP) for a proposed ski area near Silverton, Colorado.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) directed the preparation of a Draft EIS, prepared by a third party contractor, to provide agency decision makers with comprehensive environmental impact information related to the proposed ski area. The proponent, Core Mountain Enterprises, LLC, proposes to use approximately 1,300 acres of BLM managed public land, combined with about 400 acres of their private lands, for a downhill ski area located about 5 miles north of Silverton, Colorado. The proposed action will require a plan amendment if it results in a change in the scope of resources uses, or decisions in the San Juan/San Miguel RMP.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted for 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes this notice in the **Federal Register**. For future meetings or any other public involvement activities, all parties on the project's mailing list will be notified through written correspondence; in addition, public notices will be placed in the local newspapers 15 days prior to the meetings.