

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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WYW181234]

**Notice of Invitation to Participate; Coal
Exploration License Application
WYW181234, WY**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Black Butte 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 Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in the *Rock Springs Rocket Miner* once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of March 4, 2013, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Black Butte Coal Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than April 3, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW181234): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, BLM, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Black Butte Coal Company, c/o AE Coal, LLC, Attn: Jason Russell, 170 South Main Street, Suite 700, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, and BLM, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, at 307–775–6258. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Black Butte Coal Company has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land near the existing Leucite Hills Coal Mine located near Point of Rocks, Wyoming. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information of the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following-described lands in Wyoming:

Sixth Principal Meridian

- T. 19 N., R. 100 W.,
Sec. 2, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$.
- T. 20 N., R. 100 W.,
Sec. 6, lots 5 to 10, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 18, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 20 and 34.
- T. 21 N., R. 100 W.,
Sec. 30, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 32, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$.
- T. 20 N., R. 101 W.,
Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$.
- T. 21 N., R. 101 W.,
Secs. 20 and 28;
Sec. 30, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 8,270.32 acres.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2–1(c)(1)

Donald A. Simpson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

**Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Outer
Continental Shelf (OCS), Eastern
Planning Area (EPA) Lease Sale 225
and 226, Oil and Gas Lease Sales**

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy
Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA) of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and public meetings.

Authority: This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR part 1503) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 432

SUMMARY: BOEM has prepared a Draft EIS on oil and gas lease sales tentatively scheduled in 2014 and 2016 in the EPA offshore the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. Under the *Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program: 2012–2017* (Five-Year Program), two annual lease sales are scheduled for the EPA. The proposed EPA lease sales are Lease Sales 225 and 226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS provides information on the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in this area of the EPA. The Draft EIS incorporates by reference the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2012–2017; Western Planning Area Lease Sales 229, 233, 238, 246, and 248; Central Planning Area Lease Sales 227, 231, 235, 241, and 247, Final Environmental Impact Statement (2012–2017 WPA/CPA Multisale EIS; OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2012–019)*. The Draft EIS tiers from the *Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2012–2017 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement*. Subject-matter experts surveyed scientific journals and available scientific data, gathered information, and interviewed personnel from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies. BOEM also conducted an extensive search for new information in consideration of the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, oil spill, and cleanup. BOEM has examined the potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events associated with the proposed lease sales, and the incremental contribution of the proposed lease sales to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. The Draft EIS also includes an analysis of a low-probability catastrophic spill in Appendix B. The oil and gas resource estimates and scenario information for this Draft EIS are presented as a range that would encompass the resources and activities estimated for an EPA proposed lease sale.

Draft EIS Availability: BOEM has printed and will be distributing a limited number of paper copies. In keeping with the Department of the Interior's mission to protect natural resources and to limit costs while ensuring availability of the document to the public, BOEM will primarily

distribute digital copies of this Draft EIS on compact discs. However, if you require a paper copy, BOEM will provide one upon request if copies are still available.

1. You may obtain a copy of the Draft EIS from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information Office (GM 250I), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 250, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 (1-800-200-GULF).

2. You may download or view the Draft EIS on BOEM's Internet Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Environmental-Assessment/NEPA/nepaprocess.aspx>.

Several libraries along the Gulf Coast have been sent copies of the Draft EIS. To find out which libraries have copies of the Draft EIS for review, you may contact BOEM's Public Information Office or visit BOEM's Internet Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Environmental-Assessment/NEPA/nepaprocess.aspx>.

Comments: Federal, State, and local government agencies and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments on the Draft EIS in one of the following ways:

1. In an envelope labeled "Comments on the EPA 225/226 Draft EIS" and mailed (or hand carried) to Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Chief, Regional Assessment Section, Office of Environment (GM 623E), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

2. Through the regulations.gov web portal: Navigate to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for "Oil and Gas Lease Sales: Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf; Eastern Planning Area Lease Sales 225 and 226". (**Note:** It is important to include the quotation marks in your search terms.) Click on the "Comment Now!" button to the right of the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click "Submit".

3. BOEM email address: boemegomeis@BOEM.gov.

Comments should be submitted no later than 45 days from the publication of this NOA.

Public Meetings: BOEM will hold public meetings to obtain comments regarding the Draft EIS. These meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Tallahassee, Florida: Tuesday, March 26, 2013, Hilton Garden Inn Tallahassee Central, 1330 Blairstone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; one meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT;
- Panama City Beach, Florida: Wednesday, March 27, 2013, Wyndham Bay Point Resort, 4114 Jan Cooley Drive,

Panama City Beach, Florida; two meetings, the first beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT and the second beginning at 6:00 p.m. CDT;

- Mobile, Alabama: Thursday, March 28, 2013, Five Rivers—Alabama's Delta Resource Center, 30945 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort, Alabama; one meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT;

- Gulfport, Mississippi: Friday, March 29, 2013, Courtyard by Marriott Gulfport Beachfront MS Hotel, 1600 East Beach Boulevard, Gulfport, Mississippi; one meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT; and

- New Orleans, Louisiana: Monday, April 1, 2013, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana; one meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the Draft EIS, you may contact Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Environment (GM 623E), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 or by email at boemegomeis@BOEM.gov. You may also contact Mr. Goeke by telephone at (504) 736-3233.

Public Disclosure of Names and Addresses

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: February 25, 2013.

Tommy P. Beaudreau,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation and California Department of Water Resources intend to prepare an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the implementation of actions I.6.1 and I.7 identified in the National Marine Fisheries Service's 2009 Biological Opinion and Conference Opinion on the Long-term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project Reasonable and Prudent Alternative. These actions consist of salmonid habitat restoration efforts within the lower Sacramento River basin and fish passage through the Yolo Bypass. We are seeking suggestions and information on the alternatives and topics to be addressed and any other important issues related to the proposed action.

DATES: Submit written comments on the scope of the environmental impact statement by April 3, 2013.

Oral and written comments will also be accepted during two scoping meetings held to solicit public input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement/environmental impact report:

1. March 14, 2013, 1:30–3:30 p.m., West Sacramento, California.
2. March 14, 2013, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Woodland, California.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Traci Michel, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Bay-Delta Office, 801 I Street, Suite 140, Sacramento, CA 95814-2536; fax to 916-414-2439; or email at tmichel@usbr.gov.

The scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. West Sacramento—1075 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691, Galleria and Community Center in the Community Room.
2. Woodland—2001 East St., Woodland, CA 95776, Woodland Community and Senior Center in Banquet Rooms 2 & 3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Traci Michel, 916-414-2420, fax 916-414-2439, or email tmichel@usbr.gov; or Megan Sheely, FESSRO, Fish Passage Improvement Program, California Department of Water Resources, 901 P Street, Room 411A, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-651-9623, fax 916-376-9688, or email Megan.Sheely@water.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Agencies Involved

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is the lead Federal agency, and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the lead state agency. Reclamation will invite the following agencies, and others, as