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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[UT-920-05-1320-01]

**UTAH: Notice of Public Hearing and Call for Public Comment on Fair Market Value and Maximum Economic Recovery; Coal Lease Application UTU-69635**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management announces a public hearing on a proposed coal lease sale and requests public comment on the fair market value of certain coal resources it proposes to offer for competitive lease sale.

The Federal coal lands in coal lease application UTU-69635 have been delineated into a coal lease tract referred to as the Alkali Creek Tract. The tract under consideration is located about 13 miles northeast of Wellington, Utah, in Carbon County. The tract is in the Book Cliffs Coal Field and is described as follows:

T. 13 S., R. 11 E., SLM  
 Section 1, Lots 1-7, Lot 8 for all coal except the Rock Canyon bed;

Section 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Section 11, All;  
 Section 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Section 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Section 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Section 15, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Section 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Section 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 Containing 2,177.52 acres.

Two economically minable coal beds, the Gilson and Rock Canyon, are found in this tract. The Gilson seam averages 6.3 feet in thickness and the Rocky Canyon 8.4 feet. This tract contains an estimated 18 million tons of recoverable, high-volatile C bituminous coal. Coal quality in the seam, on an as received basis, is as follows:

Seam	Moist %	Ash %	V.M. %	F.C. %	Sulfur %	Btu
Gilson .....	3.4	10.7	36.8	49.4	0.6	12,434
Rock Canyon .....	4.1	10.0	37.4	48.6	0.6	12,333

The public is invited to make public comment and also to submit written comments on the fair market value and the maximum economic recovery of the tract.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Federal coal management regulations 43 CFR 4322 and 4325, a public hearing shall be held on the proposed sale to allow public comment on the discussion of the potential effects of mining the proposed lease. Not less than 30 days prior to the publication of a notice of sale, the Secretary shall solicit public comments on fair market value appraisal and maximum economic recovery and on factors that may affect these two determinations. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on fair market value and maximum economic recovery, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the mentioned address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Comments on fair market value and maximum economic recovery should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management and should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resource.
2. The mining method or methods which would achieve maximum economic recovery of the coal including specification of seams to be mined and the most desirable timing and rate of production.
3. The quantity of coal.
4. If this tract is likely to be mined as part of an existing mine and therefore be evaluated, a realistic incremental basis, in relation to the existing mine to which it has the greatest value.
5. If this tract should be evaluated as part of a potential larger mining unit and evaluated as a portion of a new potential mine (i.e., a tract which does not in itself form a logical mining unit).
6. The configuration of any larger mining unit of which the tract may be a part.
7. Restrictions to mining which may affect coal recovery.
8. The price that the mined coal would bring when sold.
9. Costs include mining and reclamation of producing the coal and tons of production.
10. The percentage rate at which anticipated income streams should be discounted, either in the absence of inflation or with inflation, in which case the anticipated rate of inflation should be given.
11. Depreciation and other tax account factors.
12. The value of any surface estate where held privately.
13. Documented information on the terms and conditions of recent and

similar coal land transactions in the lease sale area.

14. Any comparable sales data of similar coal lands.

Coal values developed by BLM may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

**DATES:** The public hearing will be held March 8, 1995, and comments on fair market value and maximum economic recovery must be received by April 10, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** For more complete data on this tract, please contact Max Nielson at 801-5393-4038, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 845-0155.

The public hearing will be held at the College of Eastern Utah, Main Building, Room No. 114, located at 451 East 400 North in Price, Utah, at 7 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Max Nielson, 801-539-4038.

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**Application for Conveyance of Land, Mohave County, Arizona**

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