

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[WY-920-05-1320-01; WYW128322]****Environmental Statements; Availability, etc.; Antelope Coal Co., WY; Coal Lease Application****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Antelope Coal Lease Application (WYW128322) and Notice of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the draft EA for a coal lease application filed by Antelope Coal Company. The EA was prepared to assist the BLM in making a decision on the proposed lease. In addition, notice is also given that a public hearing will be held on April 26, 1995, to solicit public comment on the EA, the proposed sale, and the Fair Market Value (FMV) and Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the proposed lease tract.

DATES: The public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., MDT, on Wednesday, April 26, 1995, at the Holiday Inn, 1450 Riverbend Drive, Douglas, Wyoming. There will be an informal question and answer session starting at 6 p.m. MDT, before the formal hearing proceedings begin to answer questions regarding the Antelope coal lease application, or the leasing process. The EA is scheduled for release to the public in early April, 1995. The public comment period will end on Tuesday, May 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments, concerns, and requests for copies of the EA should be addressed to Casper District Office, BLM, Attn: Nancy Doelger, 1701 East "E" Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Doelger or Mike Karbs, 307-261-7600, FAX 307-234-1525, or contact the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Antelope Coal Company filed a coal lease application on December 29, 1992, with the BLM pursuant to provisions of 43 CFR 3425.1 as a lease by application (LBA) for the following lands:

T. 41 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M. Converse County, Wyoming
Sec. 30: Lots 15-18;
T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M. Converse County, Wyoming
Sec. 25: Lots 5-8, 13, 14;
Sec. 26: Lots 9-11, 14, 15;
Total (applied for) 617.2 acres more or less.

The BLM is also considering two alternate tract configurations, which are

discussed in the draft EA. The first alternate tract configuration would increase the size of the tract by adding the following lands to it:

T. 40 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 34: Lot 1;
T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 26: Lots 12 and 13;
Section 27: Lots 13 and 16;
Total added to lease: 205.63 acres
Total under this alternative: 822.83 acres

The second alternate tract configuration would reduce the size of the tract by removing the following lands:

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 26: Lots 10, 11, 14 and 15.
Total subtracted from lease: 161.77 acres
Total under this alternative: 455.43 acres.

It is estimated that the tract as applied for by Antelope Coal Company contains approximately 57 million tons of recoverable coal. The lease application area is north of and contiguous with the existing Antelope Mine, operated by the Antelope Coal Company. The company applied to lease the proposed Antelope tract as a maintenance tract for the Antelope Mine. Written comments will be accepted from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** through May 30, 1995. Comments may be submitted to the address listed above in writing, or expressed verbally at the hearing.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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[ES-020-05-1430-00]**Planning and Environmental Analysis, Newton County, Mississippi****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: At this time the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eastern States, Jackson District, announces that a planning analysis and environmental assessment will be completed for the following described land.

Choctaw Meridian, Newton County, Mississippi

T. 6 N., R. 12 E.,
Sec. 21, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

This planning and environmental analysis is being prepared to determine the suitability of the above tract of land for disposal under authority of the Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928 (amended by 67 Stat. 227; 43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a).

DATES: The Bureau of Land Management is asking the public for comments on issues which relate to the preparation of the planning analysis with respect to the above described land. Anyone wishing to comment has until May 17, 1995 to send remarks to the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark H. Davis, Bureau of Land Management, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206, telephone number: 601-977-5400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This planning and environmental analysis will be prepared in accordance with section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 CFR 1610.8(b).

The planning analysis and environmental assessment will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team of specialists. Records concerning preparation of the document will be available at the Jackson District Office.

Dated: March 28, 1995.

Robert V. Abbey,
District Manager.

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[MT-020-1610-00]**Notice of Intent to Plan****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana/Dakotas, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: An environmental document will be prepared for proposed areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs) in the South Dakota Resource Area, Dakotas District, North Dakota; and the Powder River and Billings Resource Areas, Miles City District, Montana. The document will amend three resource management plans (RMPs): the Billings RMP (1983), the Powder River RMP (1984) and the South Dakota RMP (1985). It will be based on the existing statutory requirements and will meet the requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The document will guide future management decisions for areas designated ACEC and is scheduled for completion by September 1996.

DATES: Any nominations, issues, concerns or alternatives should be submitted to BLM on or before May 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: All submissions should be sent to the following address: BLM, Mary Bloom, Team Leader, Miles City Plaza, Miles City, Montana 59301.