

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-050-1220-00]

Shooting Closure on Public Lands in Fremont County, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure order.

SUMMARY: The BLM Canon City District is closing approximately 1,840 acres of public land in the Garden Park Fossil Area, located in Fremont County, Colorado, to recreational target shooting for the purpose of enhancing public safety. For this closure order, recreational target shooting is defined as the discharge of any weapon for any purpose other than the lawful taking of a game animal recognized by the State of Colorado. Bows and arrows are not included within this definition. Recreational shooters may use other public lands where public safety is not at risk. No person shall violate any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to use, possession or discharge of firearms while on any BLM administered public lands.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 1955.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the map and details of the closure can be obtained from the Area Manager, BLM Royal Gorge Resource Area, 3170 E. Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Williams, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Royal Gorge Resource Area, at the above address or by calling (719) 275-0631.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BLM administers approximately 3,000 acres of public land in the Garden Park Fossil Area, located about 5 miles north of Canon City, CO. The area, especially along Fremont County Road 9, has been popular as a target shooting area due to its proximity to Canon City. Recently, the area's popularity has increased because of the interest in its internationally significant dinosaur fossils and the use of Fremont County Road 90 as part of the Gold Belt Tour Back Country Byway. In addition, there are private lands with residential structures adjacent to the public lands. The closure is necessary to protect recreationists and other users of the public lands, as well as persons and property adjacent to the public lands. BLM addressed these concerns in a public meeting and through a seven-member public committee. This committee developed a proposal to resolve the concerns. This closure order

reflects the results of the committee's work. The public lands affected by this closure are located at:

6th Principal Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 70 W.,
Sections 20, 21, 23, 26-29, 33, 34; and
T. 18 S., R. 70 W.,
Sections 2-4

A copy of this **Federal Register** notice and a map showing the closed area and those public lands available for recreational target shooting is posted in the Canon City District Office and in the Garden Park Fossil Area.

Authority for this action is found in 43 CFR 8364. Violation of this order is punishable by fine or imprisonment as defined in 18 USC 3571.

Stuart L. Freer,

Acting District Ranger.

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[MT-921-05-1320-01-P; MTM 83859]

Notice of Coal Lease Application—MTM 83859—Spring Creek Coal Company

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Notice of Spring Creek Coal Company's Coal Lease Application MTM 83859 for certain coal resources within the Powder River Coal Region.

The land included in Coal Lease Application MTM 83859 is located in Big Horn County, Montana, and is described as follows:

T. 8 S., R. 39 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 25: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 26 S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 27: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 8 S., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 30: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The 285.00-acre tract contains an estimated 37.8 million tons of recoverable coal reserves.

The application will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181, et seq.), and the implementing regulations at 43 CFR 3400. A decision to allow leasing of the

coal resources in said tract will result in a competitive lease sale to be held at a time and place to be announced through publication pursuant to 43 CFR 3422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Spring Creek Coal Company is the lessee and operator of Coal Lease MTM 069782 at the Spring Creek Mine. The entire area included within this lease application lies south of and adjacent to the Spring Creek Mine and is within the Spring Creek Mine permit area.

On September 17, 1992, Spring Creek Coal Company received Federal Coal Exploration License MTM 81096 from the BLM to conduct drilling on lands contained within the Spring Creek coal lease application tract. The drilling program has been completed and the required information has been forwarded to the BLM.

Due to its coal reserve base and configuration, the Spring Creek lease application tract is a logical step to extend the life of the Spring Creek Mine. With the current permitted reserves of coal, the current level of production at the Spring Creek Mine can be maintained for approximately 19 additional years.

The area applied for would be mined as an extension of the Spring Creek Mine and would utilize the same methods as those currently being used. The lease being applied for can extend the life of the mine by about 4 years and enable recovery of coal that might never be mined if not mined as a logical extension of current pits at the Spring Creek Mine.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: The application is available for review between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana 59101, and at the Bureau of Land Management, Miles City District Office, whose address is Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59103, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Hughes telephone 406-255-2813, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: May 8, 1995.

Larry E. Hamilton,

State Director.

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