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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-69635]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Carbon County, Utah, will be offered by competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer. A company or individual is limited to one sealed bid. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

DATES: The lease sale will be held in the State of Utah, Division of Community and Economic Development Conference Room, 324 South State Street, Suite 501, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 1995. At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read. No bids received after 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, 1995, will be considered.

COAL OFFERED: The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah, approximately 9 miles northeast of Wellington, Utah:

T. 13 S., R. 11 E., SLM, Utah
 Sec. 1, lots 1-7, lot 8 (for all coal except the Rock Canyon Bed)
 Sec. 10, E2E2;
 Sec. 11, all;
 Sec. 12, W2W2;
 Sec. 13, W2NW, SENW, SW;
 Sec. 14, N2, N2S2, SESE;
 Sec. 15, NENE;
 Sec. 23, N2NENE;
 Sec. 24, N2N2NW.
 Containing 2,177.32 acres

Two economically recoverable coal beds, the Gilson Seam and the Rock Canyon Seam, are found in this tract. The seams average between 6.8 to 7.8 feet in thickness. The tract contains an estimated 12,700,000 tons of recoverable high volatile C bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality using weighted average of samples on an as-received basis is:

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| 12,333 to 12,434 | BTU/lb.; |
| 3.4 to 4.1 | Percent moisture; |
| 0.6 | Percent sulphur; |
| 10.0 to 10.7 | Percent ash; |
| 48.6 to 49.4 | Percent fixed carbon; |
| 36.8 to 37.4 | Percent volatile matter. |

RENTAL AND ROYALTY: A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rate of \$3.00 per acre and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with BLM Manual 3070.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Suite 301, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-2303 or in the Public Room (Room 400). All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates, except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The unleased coal in this tract is included in Proposed Legislation cited as the "Utah Public Lands Management Act of 1995" concerning the Designation of BLM Wilderness Land in Utah. Provisions of the Proposed Act call for the exchange of State and Federal Lands. The State of Utah has designated the unleased coal tract (Alkali Creek) for acquisition by the State. Consummation of the exchange under the Proposed Act may, in the future, allow for the State of Utah to succeed to some or all of the United States interest in this tract.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director.

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 1,236.31 acres of National Forest System land in Mariposa County to protect the Jordan Creek Bower Cave Special Interest Area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by September 20, 1995.

ADDRESSES: State Director, BLM (CA-931), Federal Building, Room E-2845, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1889.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Marti, BLM California State Office, 916-979-2858, or Bill Ferrell, Stanislaus National Forest, Forest Service, 209-532-3671, extension 320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 10, 1995, the Stanislaus National Forest, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 17 E.,
 Sec. 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 14, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 23, lots 1 and 5, and a portion of MC 2108;
 Sec. 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

T. 2 S., R. 18 E.,
 Sec. 18, lot 3;
 Sec. 19, lots 1-4 inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; and
 Sec. 29, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains approximately 1,236.31 acres in Mariposa County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the Jordan Creek Bower Cave Special Interest Area, which is located approximately nine miles northeast of Coulterville, California.