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**Powder River Regional Coal Team Activities: Announcement of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** BLM, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) announces that it will hold a public meeting on January 10, 1996 for the following purposes: (1) Review current and past activities in the Powder River Coal Region, (2) review pending coal lease applications (LBA), and (3) make recommendations on pending applications.

**DATES:** The RCT meeting will begin at 9 a.m. MST on January 10, 1996, at the Hitching Post Inn, in the Cheyenne Club Room, 1700 W. Lincolnway, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The meeting is open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hitching Post Inn, Cheyenne Club Room, 1700 W. Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY 82001, telephone (307) 638-3301. Attendees may wish to make their personal room reservations from a block of rooms which has been set aside until December 27, 1995. For room reservations call 1-800-221-0125.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Hernandez or Eugene Jonart, Wyoming State Office, Attn. (MLA), P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003; telephone (307) 775-6270 or 775-6257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following new coal lease applications (LBA): Spring Creek Coal Comp., Kennecott, (MTM83859), filed March 22, 1995; Powder River Coal Company (PRCC), Peabody, (WYW136142), filed March 23, 1995; and Jacob's Ranch, Kerr-McGee, (WYW136458), filed April 14, 1995. This is the initial public notification of the pending applications listed above, in accordance with the Powder River Operational Guidelines. The pending applications are to sustain existing coal mining operations. Generally, a coal lease application filed under the LBA portion of the regulations (43 CFR 3425) takes two to four years to be processed to the competitive lease sale stage, depending on informational and environmental study requirements. The RCT may

generate recommendation(s) for any or all of the pending LBAs.

The meeting will serve as a forum for public discussion on Federal coal management issues of regional concern. Any party interested in providing comments or data related to the above pending applications may either do so in writing to the State Director (925), Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003 no later than January 3, 1996, or by addressing the RCT with his/her concern at the meeting on January 10, 1996.

A copy of the new RCT Charter can be obtained from either of the following offices: Wyoming State Office; ATTN: Eugene Jonart 925; P.O. Box 1828; Cheyenne, WY 82003; Montana State Office; ATTN: Ed Hughes (921); P.O. Box 36800; Billings, MT 59107.

The proposed agenda for the meeting follows:

1. Introduction of RCT Members and guests.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 1993 Regional Coal Team Meeting held in Billings, Montana.
3. Organizational Changes within BLM.
  4. New Powder River RCT Charter.
  5. Regional Coal Activity Status:
    - a. Current Production and trends
    - b. Activity Since Last RCT Meeting: Competitive Sales: Wyoming—Eagle Butte LBA, April 5, 1995; Montana—Spring Creek LBA, August 9, 1995.
    - c. Pending LBAs previously reviewed by RCT:
      - Antelope LBA; (Antelope Coal Comp.) filed 12/29/92; 60 million tons; est. sale date is June 1996. EA review to be completed December 1995.
      - North Roundup LBA; (Zeigler), filed 7/22/92; 140 million tons; est. sale date is December 1996. EIS will be started December 1995.
      - d. Status of Coal Exchanges—Texaco/Lake DeSmet; Belco/Hay Creek
      - e. Coal Lease Modifications Pending (if any): Montana/Wyoming
      - f. Pending coal lease applications (LBAs):
        - Spring Creek Coal Comp.—MTM83859; (Montana); Kennecott Energy; est. 37.8 million tons, 285 acres; no schedule yet.
        - PRCC—WYW136142; (Wyoming), Peabody, est. 550 million tons, 4,020 acres, no schedule yet.
        - Jacob's Ranch—WYW136458; (Wyoming), Kerr-McGee; est 432 million tons, 4,000 acres, no schedule yet.
  6. Executive Summary/Comparison of Previous Leasing Activities.
  7. Review of Regional Market Conditions—Demand.

8. Industry Presentations:

—Kennecott Energy.

—PRCC.

—Kerr-McGee.

9. Other Regional Issues:

—Status of Buffalo Resource Area's Management Plan, (Wyoming).

10. RCT Activity Planning Recommendations:

—Review and recommendation(s) on pending lease Application(s).

11. Discussion of next meeting date and location.

12. Adjourn.

Public discussion opportunities will be provided on all agenda items.

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**Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Workshop; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration. Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council at 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

**DATES:** December 20, 1995, beginning at 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Stouffer Renaissance Crystal City Hotel located at 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, telephone (703) 418-6800.

Agenda

The Council will hear reports from its Initiatives Committee on the draft strategic plan for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recreational Fisheries Program. The Council will also consider recommendations from the Initiatives Committee on cost savings measures to reduce the Service's Fisheries Program