

The various impacts that would be expected from implementing each of the alternatives are also presented in the EA. The BLM's preferred alternative is alternative 2. Continuing existing management on the planning review area and pursuing a mineral withdrawal under the 1872 Mining Law for the 260-acre known fossil concentration areas represents what the BLM believes to be the best balance between the public land and resource uses and environmental protection in the planning review area. Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the EA, it has been determined that anticipated impacts of the preferred alternative are not significant and an environmental impact statement is not needed.

At the end of the comment/protest period, the decisions based on the planning review will be issued in the Decision Record for the EA. Any necessary amendment to the Washakie RMP will be included in the Decision Record. The 30-day review/comment/protest period will begin the day following the date of publication of the NOA of this EA in the Federal Register. Comments on the alternatives, the adequacy of the environmental analyses, the FONSI, and any protests on the proposed decision will be fully considered and evaluated in development of the decision record. Any protests submitted will also be resolved before BLM issues the decision record for the EA, and the Washakie Resource Management Plan will be amended, if necessary.

Dated: January 10, 1996.

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State Director.

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[MT-027-1320-00, MTM 83859]

Notice of Intent to Plan; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Miles City District, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct scoping and prepare an environmental analysis on the proposed lease tracts.

SUMMARY: On November 9, 1995, Spring Creek Coal Company filed an amended lease application, MTM 83859, for federal coal resources within the Powder River Coal Region. The land included in the application is located in Big Horn County, Montana and is described as follows:

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

Sec. 22: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
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Sec. 27: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$,
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

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 $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The 320.00 acre tract contains an estimated 37.8 million tons of recoverable coal reserves.

An environmental analysis will be prepared to analyze the proposed lease of the federal coal resource and the reasonably foreseeable consequences of this action as well as the impacts of development of the coal.

This document will amend the Powder River Resource Area Resource Management Plan. It will be based on the existing statutory requirements and will meet the requirements of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties including federal, state and local agencies are invited to participate in the environmental analysis scoping process. The scoping period will begin immediately and will end March 15, 1996.

The following issues and concerns have been identified:

- Possible impacts to the hydrologic resources;
- Potential for social and economic impacts to the area;
- Potential redesignation of crucial winter range for deer and antelope from unsuitable for mining to suitable for mining with stipulations;
- Cultural resources and traditional lifeway values;
- The level of environmental documentation necessary (EA or EIS).

The public is encouraged to present their ideas and views on these and other issues and concerns. All issues and concerns will be considered in the preparation of the environmental analysis.

The scoping process used to collect issues and concerns will involve one public meeting and a written comment period. The written comment period will begin immediately and will close on March 15, 1996. The public meeting will be held February 29, 1996, at 7 p.m. at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, 335 West Alger Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All comments and requests for further information should be addressed to Todd Christensen, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Powder River Resource Area, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, telephone number (406) 232-4331.

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting, notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the third meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting will be held February 22-23, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the New Mexico Room at the Bureau of Land Management's National Training Center, 9828 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85051. The agenda items to be covered at this meeting include review of previous meeting minutes, standards and guidelines work group report, update on Arizona Preservation Initiative, discussion of recreation travel, tourism, and public relations working group, presentation of Lower Gila Resource Management Plan Amendment, Phoenix District, and public comment period which will take place at 3:30 p.m. February 22, 1996, and 11:30 a.m., February 23, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clinton Oke, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 3707 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Arizona 85014, (602) 650-0512.

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Helicopters and Motorized Vehicles Use for Gathering Wild Horses and Burros; Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: A public hearing on the use of helicopters in wild horse management activities will be held at the Jeffrey Center in Rawlins, Wyoming. **DATES:** February 21, 1996.