

assists the Center Director in the assessment of program accomplishments and the development of program planning through a program review process; (5) provides leadership within NCHS on legislative affairs, develops and coordinates the Center's legislative activities, and serves as principal liaison between NCHS programs and executive and legislative branch officials on legislative affairs; (6) serves as principal advisor in areas of budget and resource development, formulates and presents the NCHS budget, and serves as principal liaison between NCHS programs and budget officials in CDC, DHHS, and OMB; (7) develops fiscal policies, financial management procedures, and systems throughout NCHS, and provides leadership for the direction and improvement of financial management functions; (8) directs and manages the execution of the NCHS budget, including a system of budgetary and expenditure controls, financial reports, and assistance to staff; (9) provides planning, operational review and coordination for the NCHS Reimbursable Work Program, and coordinates required clearances of the program; (10) manages and coordinates NCHS' responsibilities for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act, and serves as principal liaison between NCHS programs and clearance officials in CDC, DHHS, and OMB; (11) assures that NCHS's confidentiality and privacy policy are consistent with legislative mandates, and that these policies and the Privacy Act are clearly articulated and enforced within NCHS; provides policy leadership and guidance on data sharing and data release agreements; and develops and maintains privacy Act System Notices.

Dated: September 6, 1996.

Claire Broome,

Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

On July 31, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 39979) that an application has been

filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Connel Gower Construction, Inc. for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), threatened Utah Prairie Dog (*Cynomys parvidens*). Anticipated incidental take of this species is in conjunction with otherwise legal activities including construction of commercial and industrial buildings and facilities within a 63-acre industrial complex in Cedar City, Iron County, Utah pursuant to the Implementation Agreement that implements the Habitat Conservation Plan prepared by Connel Gower Construction, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that on September 13, 1996, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued an incidental take permit (permit number PRT-817340) to the above-named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the threatened species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Act, as amended.

Additionally information on this permit action may be obtained by contacting the Assistant Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah Ecological Services Field Office, 145 East 1300 South Street, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115, telephone (801) 524-5001, on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Dated: September 13, 1996.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Availability of Environmental Assessment and Request for Comments on the Finding of No Significant Impact; Fair Market Value, and Maximum Economic Recovery; Coal Lease Application MTM 83859—Spring Creek Coal Company

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Spring Creek Coal Company's Federal Coal Lease Application MTM

83859 and requests public comment on the associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Fair Market Value (FMV) and Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the coal resources subject to the lease application.

The land included in the 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. 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 $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 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 $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

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

320.00 Acres.

The EA addresses the cultural, socioeconomic, environmental and cumulative impacts that would likely result from leasing these coal lands. Two alternatives are addressed in the EA:

Alternative 1—(Proposed Action) would involve leasing the 320 acre tract, as applied for, which contains about 37.8 million tons of coal. Approximately 247 acres of lands within the application area, inclusive of 48 acres of crucial winter range for deer and antelope and 199 acres currently designated as suitable for leasing with no stipulations, would be redesignated as suitable for leasing with stipulations.

This alternative would also involve redesignating 63 acres of lands within the application area currently designated as suitable for leasing pending further study due to the presence of sage and Sharptail grouse. Approximately 30 of those acres would be redesignated as suitable for leasing with stipulations due to sage grouse wintering habitat. The remaining 33 acres would be outside the grouse habitat and would be suitable for leasing without stipulations.

Alternative 2—(No Action) Reject or deny the coal lease application. The Federal coal lands would not be offered for lease.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the FONSI associated with this proposed action as well as the FMV and MER of the