

The final EIS evaluates the Preferred Alternative and other alternatives relative to their potential effects on: (1) Newlands Project operations and infrastructure; (2) water resources; (3) biological resources; (4) regional agriculture, farmlands, and the local economy; (5) regional recreation; (6) land use; (7) social values; (8) Indian trust assets; and (9) cultural resources. Estimated acquisition costs are also disclosed.

Dated: September 24, 1996.

John H. Doebel,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-06-1320-01-P; NDM 85515]

Notice of Coal Lease Application— NDM 85515—The Coteau Properties Company

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of The Coteau Properties Company's Coal Lease Application NDM 85515 for certain coal resources within the Fort Union Coal Region.

The land included in Coal Lease Application NDM 85515 is located in Mercer County, North Dakota, and is described as follows:

T. 145 N., R. 87 W., 5th P.M.

Sec. 2: Lot 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

The 79.470-acre tract contains an estimated 1 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 part 3422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coteau Properties Company is the lessee and operator of Coal Lease NDM 78697 at the Freedom Mine. The entire area included within this lease application lies within the Freedom Mine NACT 9101 permit area.

On November 3, 1994, The Coteau Properties Company received Federal Coal Exploration License NDM 83356 from the BLM to conduct drilling on lands contained within the Coteau Properties coal lease application tract.

The area applied for would be mined as an extension of the Freedom 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 1 month and enable recovery of coal that might never be mined if not mined as a logical extension of current pits.

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, Dakotas District Office, whose address is 2033 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601-2619, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Hughes, telephone 406-255-2830, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

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Francis R. Cherry, Jr.,

Acting State Director.

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Notice of Coal Lease Application— NDM 85516—The Falkirk Mining Company

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Notice of The Falkirk Mining Company's Coal Lease Application NDM 85516 for certain coal resources within the Fort Union Coal Region.

The land included in Coal Lease Application NDM 85516 is located in McLean County, North Dakota, and is described as follows:

T. 146 N., R. 81 W., 5th P.M.

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

The 158.75-acre tract contains an estimated 1.7 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: The entire area included within this lease

application lies within the Falkirk Mine NAFK 9601 permit area. The area applied for would be mined as an extension of the Falkirk 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 3 months and enable recovery of coal that might never be mined if not mined as a logical extension of current pits.

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, Dakotas District Office, whose address is 2033 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601-2619, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Notice of Coal Lease Application— NDM 85517—The Coteau Properties Company

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Notice of The Coteau Properties Company's Coal Lease Application NDM 85517 for certain coal resources within the Fort Union Coal Region.

The land included in Coal Lease Application NDM 85517 is located in Mercer County, North Dakota, and is described as follows:

T. 146 N., R. 87 W., 5th P.M.

Sec. 30: Lot 2

T. 146 N., R. 88 W., 5th P.M.

Sec. 26: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 34: E $\frac{1}{2}$

The 398.790-acre tract contains an estimated 5.6 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