

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for a Planning Review of the Carbon Basin Area, Carbon County, Wyoming, and Potential Federal Coal Planning Decisions for the area.

SUMMARY: The Carbon Basin planning review area is located approximately 40 miles east of the town of Rawlins and 12 miles southeast of the town of Hanna, all located in Carbon County, Wyoming. The planning review is being conducted because an application to lease Federal coal in the Carbon Basin area has been submitted and Federal coal planning decisions were not made for the area during development of the Great Divide Resource Management Plan (RMP).

DATES: The 45 day comment/review period for the environmental assessment will begin the day following the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed in writing to the Great Divide Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Karla Swanson, Area Manager, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested parties may direct questions or concerns to obtain further information from Brenda Vosika-Neuman or John Spehar, who can be visited at the above address or reached by telephone: 307-328-4200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Ark Land Company, St. Louis, Missouri, has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to obtain a coal lease on approximately 4,145 acres of Federal coal lands located in the Carbon Basin area. Ark Land Company, through its affiliate, Arch of Wyoming, Inc., (Arch) has conducted coal mining operations in the Hanna Basin Region of Carbon County since 1972. The depletion of recoverable coal reserves in the Hanna Basin has led Arch to identify additional (local) coal resources in the Carbon Basin area that could utilize the existing infrastructure and meet existing contracts and/or long-term commitments. The Carbon Basin area is in close proximity to the Hanna Basin coal fields and provides a logical continuation of the Hanna Basin mining operations.

In 1982, a Federal coal lease was issued for approximately 60 percent of the Federal coal lands located in the Carbon Basin. Because this lease was still in effect at the time the current BLM land use plan (the Great Divide Resource Management Plan RMP-1990) covering the Carbon Basin area was

prepared, it was exempt from the coal screening/planning requirements. However, development of this lease was never pursued and the lease expired in 1992. Also, at the time the Great Divide RMP was prepared, there was no other interest expressed by industry in obtaining Federal coal leases in the area. As a result of these two factors, the coal screening/planning process was not conducted on the area and there were no coal planning decisions for any of the Federal coal lands in the Carbon Basin area included in the Great Divide RMP.

The Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976 requires that Federal coal lands must first be identified in a comprehensive land use plan before they can be considered for leasing. Because no coal planning decisions were made for the Carbon Basin coal area in the Great Divide RMP, a planning review, which includes conducting the coal screening/planning process and an environmental analysis, must be completed and documented before the BLM can consider leasing Federal coal in the Carbon Basin. The Ark Land Company coal lease application, or any future applications to lease coal in the Carbon Basin, cannot be given consideration until a planning review is conducted on the Federal coal lands involved and a determination is made that some or all of the lands are open to consideration for coal leasing and development.

Dated: November 26, 1997.

Alan L. Kesterke,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on Friday, January 9, 1998, in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

DATE: Friday, January 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Joann Graham, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand

Junction, Colorado 81506; telephone (970) 244-3037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be held at the Garfield County Courthouse, 109 8th Street, Room 301, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Agenda items include subcommittee reports and status of the roadless inventory review.

All resource advisory council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements following the meetings. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of council meetings are maintained in both the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Mark T. Morse,

District Manager, Craig and Grand Junction Districts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Direct Sale of Public Lands in Klamath County, Oregon—Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In the Notice of Direct Sale of Public Lands in Klamath County, Oregon beginning on page 53019 in the issue of Friday, October 10, 1997 Volume 62, Number 197 make the following correction:

On page 53019 in the third column, the first sentence in paragraph one of the Summary lists the appraised fair market value as \$645,000.00. The appraised fair market value should be changed to \$625,400.00.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

A. Barron Bail,

Area Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area.

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