

Company	Activity	Date issued
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	October 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rosa Meehan or Mr. John W. Bridges, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rule and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" (58 FR 60402).

Dated: December 17, 1998.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-933-99-1320-01; COC 62540]

Colorado; Notice of Invitation for coal Exploration License Application, Ark Land Company

Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Ark Land Company in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following described lands located in Gunnison County, Colorado:

T. 14 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 10, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄;

Sec. 11, S¹/₂N¹/₂, and S¹/₂;

Sec. 12, S¹/₂N¹/₂, and S¹/₂;

Sec. 13, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 14, all;

Sec. 15, E¹/₂E¹/₂ and NW¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The area described contains approximately 2,240 acres. The application for coal exploration license is available for public inspection during normal business hours under serial number COC 62540 at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401.

Written Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to the attention of the following persons and must be

received by them within 30 days after publication of this Notice of Invitation in the **Federal Register**:

Karen Purvis, Solid Minerals Team, Resource Services, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215

and
Wendell Koontz, Ark Land Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434

Any party electing to participate in this program must share all costs on a pro rata basis with Ark Land Company and with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

Karen Purvis,

Solid Minerals Team Resource Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-030-09-1220-00: GP9-0065]

Restrictions on Public Lands in Leslie Gulch Area of Critical Environmental Concern

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closures and restrictions of use within Leslie Gulch Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

SUMMARY: The Vale District is initiating certain closures and restrictions as part of the implementation of the approved 1995 Leslie Gulch Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Management Plan. The closures and restrictions are consistent with decisions of the ACEC management plan, and implementation is necessary to protect and enhance the identified relevant and important ACEC values of high quality scenery, California bighorn sheep habitat and special status plant species. The approved ACEC management plan complies with all applicable subparts of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1610 (Resource Management Planning) and meets all requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Persons exempt from the closures and restrictions include any authorized Federal, State or local officers, or any member of an organized rescue or fire-

fighting unit in performance of official duties recognized by the Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, or any person authorized by the Bureau of Land Management, Vale District.

In accordance with the authority and requirements of Executive Orders 11644 and 11989, and regulations under Title 43, CFR, part 8340, the Dago Gulch Road south of the northern gate in T. 26 S., R. 45 E., section 19 is designated closed to motorized and mechanical vehicles.

Pursuant to Closure and Restriction Orders under Title 43 CFR, part 8364.1, the following acts are prohibited on all public lands within the boundaries of the Leslie Gulch ACEC:

1. Motorized and Mechanized Vehicles. Operating a motorized or mechanized vehicle within the ACEC other than on designated roads, parking areas and campgrounds (currently only Slocum Creek Campground).

2. Camping/Campfires.

(a) Camping outside designated campgrounds (currently only Slocum Creek Campground).

(b) Use of open fires outside of designated campgrounds (currently only Slocum Creek Campground).

3. Recreational Domestic Livestock. Using or possessing a horse or other domestic livestock for any purpose.

4. Minerals and Vegetation. Collection of living or dead vegetation or any mineral or petrified wood without authorization.

5. Rock Climbing.

(a) Placement of permanent anchoring devices.

(b) Altering of natural features.

(c) Leaving temporary hardware on natural features or at climbing locations for longer than needed for immediate use.

(d) Competitive or commercial rock climbing activities.

The lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management for which this order applies are within the Maheur Resource Area. The approved management plan and boundary of the Leslie Gulch ACEC can be viewed at the Vale District office. This order remains in effect until further notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 28, 1998.

PENALTY: Any person failing to comply with this closure and restriction order may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.