

any person authorized in writing, in advance by the Bureau of Land Management, Baker Resource Area Manager.

This replaces and rescinds all previous closures including the Emergency Closure and Restriction on Public Lands in the South Fork of the Walla Walla River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) dated September 28, 1994.

DATES: The closures and restrictions are in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the authorized officer.

Penalties: Violators are subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of Title 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny Dunn-Woods, Baker Resource Area Manager, Baker City, OR 97814, Telephone 541-523-1256.

Ed Singleton,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-09-1320-01; MTM 80697]

Notice of Hearing

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 31, 1999, in the conference room on the Sixth Floor of the Granite Tower Building, Bureau of Land Management, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana 59107.

Western Energy Company has requested the Bureau of Land Management to re-schedule a coal lease sale for Coal Lease Application MTM 80697. Western Energy Company submitted an amended coal lease application on July 16, 1998, that reduced the lease application acreage from 2,061 acres to 1,401 acres.

Pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR 3425.4 (a)(1), the Bureau of Land Management requests additional public comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement dated September 9, 1994, fair market value, and maximum economic recovery of certain coal resources it proposes to re-offer for a competitive lease sale. A Decision Record dated May 15, 1995, and an Administrative Determination dated November 13, 1998, allow for coal leasing.

The lands included in Coal Lease Application MTM 80697, as amended,

are located approximately 10 miles west of the town of Colstrip, Montana, in Rosebud County, Montana, and are described as follows:

T. 1 N., R. 39 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 2: N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 1 N., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 6: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 8: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 14: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 2 N., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 32: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

The 1,401-acre tract contains an estimated 27.6 million tons of recoverable coal reserves.

The amended 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Good, Coal Coordinator (telephone 406-255-2828), Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-61-241A]

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 a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council.

The meeting will be held April 9, 1999 in Safford, Arizona. The one-day meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the Ramada Inn located on 420 E. Highway 70, Safford, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered at the meeting include review of previous meeting minutes; BLM State Director's update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Presentations on Eco-Tourism and Gateway Communities, and the Cerbat Horse Herd Report and Analysis; Updates on

proposed National Monument on the AZ Strip, and the proposed Las Cienegas National Conservation Area; Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; and Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion on future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on April 9, 1999, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council. For Further Information Contact: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Joanie Losacco,

Acting Arizona State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-130-1020-00; GP9-0128]

Notice of Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District, DOI.

NOTICE: Notice of Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council.

ACTION: Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; March 18, 1999, in Spokane, Washington.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will be held on March 18, 1999. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m., at the Spokane District Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, Washington, 99212-1275. The meeting will adjourn upon conclusion of business, but no later than 4:30 p.m.. Public comments will be heard from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.. If necessary to accommodate all wishing to make public comments, a time limit may be placed upon each speaker. At an appropriate time, the meeting will adjourn for approximately one hour for lunch. Topics to be discussed include: Recreation, Wildlife and Range.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford D. Ligons, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212-1275; or call 509-536-1200.