

Ranch Mine has an approved mining and reclamation plan, and an approved air quality permit from the Air Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ to mine up to 35 million tons of coal per year. According to the application filed for the North Jacobs Ranch Tract, it is a maintenance tract that would be mined to extend the life of the existing mine. The Jacobs Ranch Mine was issued a lease for a maintenance tract of Federal coal adjacent to the Jacobs Ranch Mine in 1992.

BLM has received 13 applications to lease Federal coal in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin since 1990, when the Powder River Federal Coal Region was decertified. Nine new Federal coal leases have been issued, one application was rejected, and three applications, including the Belle Ayr and North Jacobs Ranch applications, are pending. Seven of the nine new leases were issued to mines in the group of five surface coal mines located immediately east and southeast of Wright, WY, in southeastern Campbell and northern Converse Counties, WY. This southern group of mines includes the Jacobs Ranch, Black Thunder, North Rochelle, Rochelle, North Antelope, and Antelope mines.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental analysis because it is the Federal agency that is responsible for recommending approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval of the mining plan to the Office of the Secretary of the Interior. If this maintenance tract is leased to the applicant, the new lease must be incorporated into the existing mining plans for the adjacent mine. The Secretary of the Interior must approve those mining plans before the coal in the tract can be mined.

The major issues that have been identified to date are related to the extension of ongoing site-specific and cumulative impacts to air quality, groundwater, and wildlife if these leases are issued and the potential conflicts between overlapping proposed future coal mining and existing and proposed oil and gas development in this area. If you have specific concerns about these issues, or have other concerns or issues that BLM should consider in processing one or both of these applications to lease Federal coal, please address them in writing to the above individuals or state them verbally at the October 19, 1999, public scoping meeting at the location shown above. BLM will accept written comments at the address shown above through October 30, 1999.

Freedom of Information

Scoping comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

Robert P. Henry,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be held on Thursday, November 4, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon. At an appropriate time, the Board will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Public comments will be received from 12 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., November 4, 1999. Topics to be discussed are the Fee Structure, Strategy Planning, Transition of New Board Members, Vegetation Management Update and reports from Coordinators of Subcommittees.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and run to 4 p.m., November 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David B. Hunsaker, Bureau of Land Management, National Historic Oregon Trail, Interpretive Center, P.O. Box 987,

Baker City, OR 97814, Telephone 541-523-1845.

Jerry Taylor,

Vale District Manager (Acting).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Central Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet October 28 and 29, 1999, at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, Montana.

The October 28 session will begin at 7 p.m. with a public comment period lasting until 7:30 p.m. The council will then discuss a management matrix involving six wilderness study areas, a national back country byway, the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and adjacent BLM lands. This session will end at 9 p.m.

The October 29 session will begin at 8 a.m. The council will use the day discussing the current management and future needs of the public resource features. The council will also discuss the comments submitted concerning these features. The council will also discuss the formation of an Upper Missouri River management sub group. This session will adjourn at 4 p.m.

DATES: October 28 and 29, 1999.

LOCATION: Yogo Inn, 211 East Main Street, Lewistown, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Manager, Malta Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 501 South 2nd Street East, Malta, Montana 59538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and there will be a public comment period on October 28, as detailed above.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

David L. Mari,

Field Manager.

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