

biological monitor. To compensate for unavoidable habitat loss from the parking lot expansion, and for future impacts from fiber optic cable construction should a permit amendment be needed, Globenet/Worldcom proposes to provide funds to acquire, restore, monitor and manage in perpetuity 3.78 acres of high quality, Morro shoulderband snail habitat off-site and adjacent to Montana de Oro State Park. This land would be deeded to and managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation or another land manager approved by the Service.

The Plan and the Environmental Assessment consider two alternatives to the proposed parking lot expansion project, as well as additional alternatives to the future cable project. Under the No Development Alternative, the parking lot would not be expanded, the telecommunications building would remain vacated, and the Service would not issue an incidental take permit. Non-native plants would recolonize the project site, human disturbances would likely continue, and off-site high quality snail habitat would not be protected. Under the Alternate Site Alternative, the existing telecommunications building would remain vacated. Globenet/Worldcom would construct another building at another site that does not support listed species. The Service would not issue an incidental take permit. This alternative would result in greater impacts to the environment than the other alternatives and would not provide a substantial benefit to the snail.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). In determining whether the application meets the requirements of law, the Service will evaluate the application, its associated documents, and comments submitted by the public. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the Morro shoulderband snail. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: December 1, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-932-1320-05; NMNM 99144]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the tract described below in San Juan County, New Mexico, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et. seq.*)

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2000. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m., on January 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the BLM Conference Room, located at 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87502. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m. on January 12, 2000, to: Cashier, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida T. Viarreal at (505) 438-7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder(s) submitting the highest cash offer provided that the high bids meet or exceed the fair market value of the tracts as determined by the authorized officer after the sale. Each bid should be clearly identified by tract number or serial number on the outside of the envelope containing the bid(s). No bid that is less than \$100.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. This \$100.00 per acre is a regulatory minimum, and is not intended to reflect fair market value of the tracts.

Sealed bids clearly market "Sealed Bid for NMNM 99144 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2000." must be received on or before 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2000. Bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or should be hand delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand delivered sealed bid. Bids received after 9 a.m., on January 12, 2000, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale.

If identical high sealed bids are received, the tying bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-

breaking sealed bids must be within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical sealed bids have been received.

Coal Tract To Be Offered

The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves in the following described lands located in San Juan County, New Mexico and are described as follows:

T. 30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM
Sec. 17, ALL;
Sec. 18, ALL;
Sec. 19, ALL;
Sec. 20, ALL;
Sec. 29, ALL;
Sec. 30, ALL;
Sec. 31, Lot 1-4, N¹/₂, N¹/₂, S¹/₂.

Containing 4,483.88 acres, more or less.

Rental and Royalty

The leases issued as a result of this lease offering will require payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 12¹/₂ percent of the value of the coal removed by surface methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal removed by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Notice of Availability

Bidding instructions for the offered tracts are included in Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the Statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the New Mexico State Office at the addresses shown above. The case files are available for inspection during normal business hours only at the Santa Fe, New Mexico, location.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

Richard A. Whitley,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-1310-DB]

Continental Divide/Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and