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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 21, 1999 (64 FR 56844), HUD published its final rule implementing section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-276, approved October 21, 1998; 112 Stat. 2461) (referred to as the "Public Housing Reform Act"). Section 511 of the Public Housing Reform Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 *et seq*; see 1437c-1), introduces the public housing agency (PHA) plans—a 5-Year Plan and an Annual Plan. Through these plans a PHA will advise HUD, its residents and members of the public of the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families, and the PHA's strategy for addressing those needs.

In accordance with section 511, the Secretary of HUD has the authority to review, approve or disapprove PHA plans submitted by PHAs. Section 511 is implemented in regulations found at 24 CFR part 903.

By separate delegation, the Secretary has elsewhere delegated to the Assistant Secretary for PIH the authority for administering the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, subject to certain exceptions.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for PIH redelegates that authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Redelegated

The Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing redelegates the authority for: review, approval or disapproval of PHAs' 5-year Plans and Annual Plans ("plans") under 24 CFR part 903, and conducting all activities related to such review, approval or disapproval of the plans, to the Offices of Public Housing Hub Directors, Program Center Coordinators and Directors of Troubled Agency Recovery Centers, except as provided in Section B, below.

Section B. Authority Excepted

(1) The authority redelegated does not include the authority to waive regulations; and

(2) The Offices of Public Housing Hub Directors, Program Center Coordinators and Directors of Troubled Agency Recovery Centers may exercise the authority redelegated to disapprove a PHA plan on the grounds that the plan and/or its content is prohibited by or inconsistent with applicable Federal law only with the concurrence of the Assistant Secretary or his or her designee.

Section C. Authority to Further Redelegate

The authority redelegated in Section A may not be further redelegated.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant requests an amendment to their permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit Number TE842849-3

Applicant: Davey Resource Group, Kent, Ohio (Michael Johnson, P.I.)

The applicant requests an amendment to their permit to take (harass, capture and release) endangered Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) in a larger geographical area, to include the following states: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5350); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: February 9, 2000.

Charles M. Wooley,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-00-1320-EL, WYW149826]

Coal Lease Exploration License, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted at 43 CFR 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Triton Coal Company, LLC on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell County, WY:

T. 52 N., R. 72 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming;
Sec. 17: Lot 16;
Sec. 20: Lots 1-3, 6-10, 15, 16;
Sec. 21: Lots 3-6, 10-15.
Containing 868.11 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resource Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain data on the Anderson and Canyon coal seams.

ADDRESSES: The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW149826): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, BLM, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of invitation will be published in The News-Record of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of February 14, 2000, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land