

This notice is also to inform the public and permittees that any unauthorized livestock grazing upon public land or other lands under the BLM's control is in violation of 43 CFR 4140.1(b)(1) and may be impounded. The unauthorized livestock may be impounded after five days from delivery of this notice or any time after five days from publishing and posting this notice. Unauthorized livestock within the Warm Springs and the Houtz Canyon allotments, may be impounded without further notice any time in the 12-month period beginning five days from receipt of this notice as authorized by 43 CFR 4150.4-2. This notice is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-1 (a) and (b); any impoundment of unauthorized livestock in connection with this notice will be done in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-2. Pursuant to 43 CFR 4150.4-4, any owner or his agent, or both, or lienholder of record of the impounded livestock may redeem them under these regulations or, if a suitable agreement is in effect, in accordance with State law, prior to the time of sale upon settlement with the United States under Sec. 4150.3 or adequate showing that there has been no violation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The area of closure is located in the northwestern portion of Rockland Valley, within the above mentioned allotments and more specifically described wholly or partially in T. 10 S., R. 29 E., secs. 12, 13, 24, and 25; T. 10 S., R. 30 E., secs. 7, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32; Detailed maps of the area closed to livestock grazing are available at the Malad Field Station, Malad, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Malad Field Station, 138 S. Main, Malad, ID 83252 or the Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Jeff Steele,

Pocatello Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-00-1320-EL-P; MTM 90308]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 90308.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with

Spring Creek Coal Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands located in Big Horn County, Montana, encompassing 520.00 acres:

T. 8 S., R. 39 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 14: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 21: SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 22: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 23: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 24: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 8 S., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 30: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, *in writing*, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800; and Spring Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box 67, Decker, Montana 59025. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 90308 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Sheridan Press* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Sheridan Press*, Sheridan, Wyoming.

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. The exploration plan, as submitted by Spring Creek Coal Company, is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: either Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Bettie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59017-6800, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5063, respectively.

Date: September 6, 2000.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-EL]

Powder River Regional Coal Team Activities: Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) has scheduled a public meeting for October 25, 2000, to review current and proposed activities in the Powder River Coal Region and to review pending coal lease applications (LBA).

DATES: The RCT meeting will begin at 9 a.m. M.D.T. on Wednesday, October 25, 2000. The meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hitching Post Inn, 1700 W. Lincolnway, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, 307-638-3301. Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mel Schlagel, Wyoming State Office, P.O. Box 1828, MS-922, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, telephone 307-775-6257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending coal lease by applications (LBA) in the Powder River Basin. Specific topics for the Powder River (RCT) to consider are:

1. *North Jacobs Ranch LBA.* A follow-up discussion on the North Jacobs Ranch LBA (Kennecott) is needed. This LBA was discussed at the February 1998 RCT meeting in Billings and again at the 1999 RCT meeting in Gillette. Several items such as coal and oil and gas conflicts need further followup by the RCT.

2. *Belle Ayr LBA.* The Belle Ayr Mine (RAG) recently requested accelerated processing for a portion of the original Belle Ayr LBA. The original LBA contained approximately 1,335.39 acres with approximately 171 million tons of Federal coal. The accelerated lease application reduced the original LBA by 243.61 acres and 29 million tons of Federal coal. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the accelerated lease application and to reschedule the original Belle Ayr LBA.

3. *State Section LBA.* This new LBA, filed by Evergreen Enterprises, is for 8,494.13 acres with approximately 712.1 million tons of Federal coal. Approximately 4,741 acres and 519 million tons of Federal coal within this LBA overlap with the North Jacobs Ranch LBA. The RCT needs to consider