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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-933-01-1320-EL; COC 62920]

#### Notice of Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid; COC 62920

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

**SUMMARY:** Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that certain coal resources in the lands hereinafter described in La Plata County, Colorado, 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 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale will be held in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Purvis at 303-239-3795.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder submitting the highest offer, provided that the high bid meets the fair market value determination of the coal resource. The minimum bid for this tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid less than \$100 per acre or fraction thereof will be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value.

Sealed bids received after the time specified above will not be considered. In the event identical high sealed bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale Official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received. Fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

**Coal Offered:** The coal resource to be offered is limited to coal recoverable by underground mining methods on the East Alkali Tract in the following lands:

T. 35 N., R. 11 W., N.M.P.M.  
Sec. 19, lots 4, 5, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 35 N., R. 12 W., N.M.P.M.  
Sec. 24, lots 1, 2, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 25, lots 1, 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 35, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
containing 1,304.51 acres.

Total recoverable reserves are estimated to be 7,049,000 tons. The underground minable coal is ranked as high volatile B bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis is as follows:

*Btu:* 12,769 Btu/lb.

*Moisture:* 5.60%

*Sulfur Content:* 0.68%

*Ash Content:* 7.78%

**Rental and Royalty:** The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.

**Notice of Availability:** Bidding instructions for the offered tract are included in the 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 Colorado State Office at the address given above. The case file is available for inspection in the Public Room, Colorado State Office, during normal business hours at the address given above.

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**Karen A. Purvis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-090-1610-DG]

#### Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare (1) a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA) and (2) a RMP and EIS for the Bruneau planning area of the Owyhee Field Office in southwestern Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lower Snake River District will prepare a RMP and EIS for the Snake River Birds of Prey NCA and a separate RMP and EIS for the Bruneau planning area in southwestern Idaho. These land use plans will guide resource management in these areas in the foreseeable future. These RMPs will be prepared under guidance provided through 43 CFR part 1600 (BLM Planning Regulations).

**DATES:** Public meetings pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.2 (BLM Planning Regulations) and 40 CFR 1501.7 (NEPA Regulations) to help identify the range of issues to be addressed in each RMP and the scope of each EIS will be announced through the local media and direct mailings at a later date once specific dates and locations for public participation are determined. Throughout the planning process, the public will be given opportunities to participate through workshops and open house meetings. These workshops will provide the public an opportunity to work with BLM in identifying the full range of issues to be addressed in the RMPs/EISs and developing the alternatives to be analyzed in the EISs.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, SRBOPNCA-RMP, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, for the Snake River Birds of Prey NCA RMP, and Owyhee Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise Idaho 83705, for the Bruneau RMP. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Sullivan, NCA Manager, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho