

with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

Dated: March 25, 2002.

Karen Magallanes,

Solid Minerals Staff, Resource Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-02-1320-EL-P; NDM 91647]

Notice of Coal Lease Application—NDM 91647—The Falkirk Mining Co.

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of The Falkirk Mining Company's Coal Lease Application NDM 91647 for certain coal resources within the Falkirk Mine.

The land included in Coal Lease Application NDM 91647 is located in McLean County, North Dakota, and is described as follows:

*T. 146 N., R. 82 W., 5th P. M.
Sec. 34: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.*

The 40.00-acre tract contains an estimated 298,914 tons of recoverable coal reserves.

The application will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.*), and the implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 3400. A decision to allow leasing of the coal reserves in said tract will result in a competitive lease sale to be held at a time and place to be announced through publication pursuant to 43 CFR part 3422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Falkirk Mining Company is the operator of the Falkirk Mine. The entire area included within this lease application lies within the Falkirk Mine's NAFK-8705 permit area.

The area applied for would be mined as an extension of the Falkirk Mine and would utilize the same methods as those currently being used. The lease being applied for can extend the life of the mine by about 1 month and enable recovery of coal that might never be mined if not mined as a logical extension of current pits.

Notice of Availability: The application is available for review between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101, and at the Bureau of Land Management, Dakotas District Office, whose address is 2033 Third

Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601-2619, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Good, Coal Coordinator, at telephone 406-896-5080, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: April 10, 2002.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-010-1990-EX]

Record of Decision; South Operations Area Project Amendment, Eureka Co., NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared, under third party contract, by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko Field Office. The EIS was prepared to analyze impacts and alternatives for Newmont Mining Corporation's proposed South Operations Area Project Amendment. The proposed project expansion would result in disturbance of an additional 1392 acres of federal and private lands located in Eureka County, Nevada. The Final EIS was released for public review April 26, 2002. The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed by the Elko Field Office Manager May 31, 2002, approving the proposed project and incorporating mitigating modifications analyzed under the proposed action.

Copies of the ROD can be obtained from the Elko Field Office at 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, or by calling (775) 753-0200 and requesting a copy of the document. It may also be downloaded from the Elko Field office internet site at www.nv.blm.gov/elko. Additionally, a copy of the ROD will be mailed to individuals, agencies or companies that commented during the scoping process, or on the Draft and Final EIS.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Parties adversely affected by the Record of Decision have 30 days, from the date of publication of this notice, to file a Notice of Appeal in the office which issued this decision (43 CFR 4.411 and 4.413). The decision to

approve the mining operation is in full force and effect, effective on the date of signing of the Record of Decision. A petition for a stay of the decision must be filed in accordance with the above cited regulations.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Record of Decision can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. A notice of Appeal should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, and a copy to: Office of the Regional Solicitor, Salt Lake City Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84138.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Congdon, Project Coordinator, Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, (775) 753-0200.

Robert V. Abbey,

State Director, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-080-1310-DO]

Inland Resources, Inc. Monument Butte-Myton Bench Oil Field Development, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, UT, Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Inland Resources, Inc. Monument Butte-Myton Bench Oil Field Development, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vernal Utah Field Office will be writing an EIS on proposed expansion of existing oil field development operations. The EIS area encompasses approximately 65,500 acres in the greater Monument Butte-Myton Bench oil and gas production region. The project is located primarily on BLM administered lands (59,757 acres). The project area also includes lands administered by the State of Utah (5,777 acres), and several private landowners (41 acres). Inland operates the majority of the mineral lease rights underlying both the public and private lands.

As part of a successful application of waterflood technology, the proponent proposed to expand its waterflood operations by drilling 600 to 900 additional wells within the Monument Butte-Myton Bench oil field through the year 2015. Based on a 40 acre spacing pattern, Inland Resources, Inc. would drill approximately 50 percent of the wells as producing wells and 50 percent as water injection wells. The water injection wells would allow reservoir pressure to be managed and oil recovery to be maximized. Estimated new surface disturbance for the project would include 1,710 acres. The existing road network within the project area would provide the primary access routes to the new well sites. No additional compression facilities is expected to be required to accommodate the new wells.

Major issues include potential impacts to status plants and animals, air quality, and soils. Alternatives identified at this time include the proposed action and the no action alternatives.

DATES: This notice announces the public scoping process. Comments on issues can be submitted in writing to the address listed below. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, and the BLM Vernal Field Office web site (www.blm.gov/utah/vernal) at least 15 days prior to the event.

Public Participation: Public meetings will be held during the scoping period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meeting locations will be in Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah. In addition, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided through comment on the alternatives and upon publication of the BLM draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078; Fax 435-781-4410. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Vernal Field Office located in Vernal, Utah. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Vernal Field Office located in Vernal, Utah during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Duane De Paepe, Telephone 435-781-4403, or e-mail dddepaepe@ut.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The management of BLM public lands and resources encompassed by the project area is directed and guided by the BLM's Record of Decision for the Diamond Mountain Resource Management Plan. The majority of the proposed project lies within an area that was previously partially developed for oil and gas production and is designated as Category 2 for oil and gas leasing by the BLM. Category 2 areas are those that are open to oil and gas leasing with stipulations to protect sensitive surface resources.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-579, 43 CFR 8364.1.

Dated: March 18, 2002.

Sally Wisely,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-029-02-1610-DO-082L]

Notice of Intent To Prepare Plan Amendments to the 1995 Fort Greely Resource Management Plan and 1995 Fort Wainwright Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessments (EAs)

AGENCY: Northern Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Fairbanks, Alaska, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare plan amendments to the 1995 Fort Greely Resource Management Plan (RMP) and 1995 Fort Wainwright RMP and associated Environmental Assessments (EAs).

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare two plan amendments with associated EAs. BLM will work closely with the U.S. Army, Alaska (USARAK) while developing the amendments. The amendments will encompass approximately 624,000 acres for Fort

Greely and 248,000 acres for Fort Wainwright. The affected lands are on the Fort Greely military withdrawal near the town of Delta Junction, Alaska, and on the Fort Wainwright withdrawal near Fairbanks, Alaska. The amendments will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and Pub. L. 106-65, BLM and USARAK management policies. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify planning issues and to develop planning criteria.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice. Formal scoping will end 60 days after publication of this notice. Comments on issues and planning criteria should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below.

Public Participation: Two public meetings will be held during the scoping and preparation period. These meetings will be held in Fairbanks and Delta Junction, Alaska. Early participation by all those interested is encouraged. At least 15 days public notice will be given for activities where the public is invited to attend. Written comments will be accepted throughout the amendment process at the address shown below. Meetings will be announced through the local news media.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Northern Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3844, attention Gary Foreman. Documents pertinent to these amendments may be examined at the Northern Field Office located in Fairbanks, Alaska. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Northern Field Office during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EAs. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish BLM 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 and businesses, and