

Status: Excess.  
Reason: Extensive deterioration.  
Bldgs. 3028, 3037.  
Marine Corps Base.  
Quantico Co: VA 22134—  
Landholding Agency: Navy.  
Property Number: 77200240007.  
Status: Excess.  
Reason: Extensive deterioration.  
Bldgs. 3035, 3040, 3205.  
Marine Corps Base.  
Quantico Co: VA 22134—  
Landholding Agency: Navy.  
Property Number: 77200240008.  
Status: Excess.  
Reason: Extensive deterioration.  
Bldg. 60.  
Naval Surface Warfare Center.  
Dahlgren Co: King George VA 22448—  
Landholding Agency: Navy.  
Property Number: 77200240009.  
Status: Unutilized.  
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material, Secured Area,  
Extensive deterioration.  
Bldg. 1216.  
Naval Surface Warfare Center.  
Dahlgren Co: King George VA 22448—  
Landholding Agency: Navy.  
Property Number: 77200240010.  
Status: Unutilized.  
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material, Secured Area,  
Extensive deterioration.  
Bldg. 1354.  
Naval Surface Warfare Center.  
Dahlgren Co: King George VA 22448—  
Landholding Agency: Navy.  
Property Number: 77200240011.  
Status: Unutilized.  
Reasons: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material, Secured Area,  
Extensive deterioration.

*Land (by State)*  
Arkansas  
Recreation Area.  
Sandy Beach.  
Camden Co: Ouachita AR 71701—  
Landholding Agency: GSA.  
Property Number: 54200240003.  
Status: Surplus.  
Reason: Floodway.  
GSA Number: 7-D-AR-0566.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Quality Guidelines Pursuant to Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** A notice published by the  
Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) in the **Federal Register** directed Federal agencies to issue and implement guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of Government information disseminated to the public. We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), are issuing these final Information Quality Guidelines to comply with the OMB requirement.

**DATES:** These guidelines are effective October 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the Fish and Wildlife Service Quality Guidelines please contact the Science Advisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of the Assistant Director—External Affairs, 1849 C Streets, NW., Mail Stop 301, Washington, DC 20240-0001, or by calling (202) 208-6541, or via e-mail to [scienceadvisor@fws.gov](mailto:scienceadvisor@fws.gov). In addition, these guidelines are available on the Service website ([www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Science Advisor, (202) 208-6541.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice published by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the **Federal Register**, dated January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369), and re-issued February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451), directed Federal agencies to issue and implement guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of Government information disseminated to the public. On May 24, 2002, the Department of the Interior published a **Federal Register** notice providing the web site where the proposed Departmental Information Quality Guidelines may be reviewed. On August 5, 2002, the Department of the Interior published a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** of the proposed bureau specific information quality guidelines for public comment. Comments were received from a variety of sources and were considered in the preparation of this guidance. We are issuing these final Information Quality Guidelines in order to comply with Section 515 and the OMB direction.

FWS, which includes Headquarters and 7 Regional Offices, disseminates a wide variety of information to the public regarding the nation's fish and wildlife resources, habitat conservation and endangered species programs. The disseminated information includes organizational and management information, programs and services products, research and statistical reports, policy and regulatory information, and general reference material.

Dated: October 4, 2002.

**Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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

#### Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Offering by Sealed Bid—NDM 91647— The Falkirk Mining Company

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Montana State Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Competitive Coal  
Lease Offering by Sealed Bid—NDM  
91647.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the coal resources in the lands described below in McLean County, North Dakota, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid. This offering is being made as a result of an application filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437; 30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*)

The lease sale will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2002, in the Montana State Office Side B Main Conference Room, at the Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101. Bids for the tract will be in the form of sealed bids. Sealed bids *clearly marked* "Sealed Bid for NDM 91647 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2002" must be submitted on or before 12 noon, December 10, 2002, to the cashier, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Post Office Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

An Environmental Assessment of the proposed coal development and related requirements for consultation, public involvement, and hearings have been completed in accordance with 43 CFR 3425. The results of these activities were a finding of no significant environmental impact. The coal resource to be offered consists of all recoverable reserves in the following-described lands:

*T. 146 N., R. 82 W., 5th P. M.*  
Sec. 34: NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Containing 40.00 acres, McLean County,  
North Dakota.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets the fair market value of the coal resource. The minimum bid

for the tract is \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand-delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 12 noon, Tuesday, December 10, 2002, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed 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.

A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof; and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods and 8.0 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal shall be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available at the Montana State Office. Casefile NDM 91647 is also available for public inspection at the Montana State Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, or Rebecca Good, Coal Coordinator, at (406) 896-5060 or (406) 896-5080, respectively.

Dated: September 16, 2002.

**Randy D. Heuscher,**

*Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-670-02-1610-JP-064B]

#### **Notice of Availability of a Draft Amendment and Associated Environmental Assessment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for Off-Road Vehicle Trail (Route of Travel) Designations in the Western Colorado Desert (WECO) Portion of Imperial County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a draft amendment and associated environmental assessment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for off-road vehicle trail (route of travel) designations in the Western Colorado Desert (WECO) portion of Imperial County, California.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft Amendment and the Environmental Assessment will be accepted if postmarked within 45 calendar days from the date this Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register** by the Bureau of Land Management. Instructions for submitting comments are included below under Supplemental Information.

**SUMMARY:** The draft plan amendment will establish or revise designations of trails (routes of travel) for off-road vehicles in accordance with Part 43 Code of Federal Regulations Subpart 8342. Trails (routes of travel) for inclusion in the State of California's Discovery Trail System and the route to be used as a segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail within the Western Colorado Desert (WECO) project area will be identified. The proposals will pertain to public lands addressed by the California Desert Conservation Area Plan in the WECO portion of Imperial County that lie west of the Union Pacific Railroad and the Chocolate Mountain Gunnery Range (excluding the Imperial Sand Dunes and the western portion of the California Desert Conservation Area in San Diego County, California).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the document are being mailed to those who requested it. The document is available for review on line at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro> and is also available in a hard copy or a CD rom format at the following addresses and telephone numbers: Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 337-4400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Arnold Schoeck, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4441.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management published in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 2002, the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment and to make a Plan Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan by making off-road vehicle trail (route of travel) designations in the Western Colorado Desert portion of Imperial County. The public scoping period for the project began March 25, 2002 and the comment period until has been expanded until October 7, 2002.

The publication of the Environmental Assessment will start a 45-day public comment period for the proposed designations and alternative plan amendments described in the environmental assessment. Public meetings and their locations for the public to make comments at will be announced in the local media and on the El Centro Field Office's Web site (<http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro>).

The public is invited to submit comments on the alternatives to the plan amendment and the Environmental Assessment. Written comments should be sent to the above address and must be post marked by December 2, 2002. E-mail comments may be sent to [caecweco@ca.blm.gov](mailto:caecweco@ca.blm.gov) but must be received by the close of business on December 2, 2002. Delays caused by the Internet, servers, and other related computer problems will not be cause for a time extension.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the El Centro Field Office during normal working hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays), and may be published as part of the Decision Record or other related documents. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this promptly at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

After the public comment period ends, (1) a Notice of the Proposed Decision, (2) the effective date for the proposed decision, and (3) the beginning of a 30 day protest period will be published. The procedures for