

Irrigation Company, Roosevelt Irrigation District, Roosevelt Water Conservation District, and others. Roosevelt and the other SRP reservoirs also provide a variety of recreational uses and environmental benefits in central Arizona. Due to dry conditions in central Arizona for the past six years, the water level at Roosevelt has been below normal. As a result, riparian vegetation has invaded and flourished in the portion of Roosevelt historically used by SRP to store water for use in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Animals that use riparian habitat have followed the vegetation growth and now occupy areas within the reservoir. In particular, a population of flycatchers now occupies habitat within the storage space at Roosevelt. Thus, periodic refilling of the reservoir may adversely affect habitat used by the flycatcher, clapper rail, bald eagle, and cuckoo.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[UTU-78953]

**Notice of Coal Lease Offering**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of coal lease offering by sealed bid, South Crandall Canyon Tract.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that at 1 p.m., June 12, 2003, certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Emery County, Utah will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer. A company or individual is limited to one sealed bid. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 3422.2(a).

This lease is being offered for sale under the provisions set forth in the regulations for Leasing on Application at 43 CFR part 3425.

The lease sale will be held in the Bureau of Land Management Fourth Floor Conference Room, 324 South State

Street, Suite 400, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1 p.m. on June 12, 2003. At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read. No bids received after 10 a.m., June 12, 2003, will be considered.

**Coal offered:** The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Emery County, Utah, approximately 10 miles northwest of Huntington, Utah on public land located in the Manti-LaSal National Forest:

- T. 16 S., R. 7 E., SLM, Utah;
  - Sec. 4, W2SW, S2SWNW;
  - Sec. 5, SE, S2SENE;
  - Sec. 8, E2, NENW, S2NW;
  - Sec. 9, NW.
- Containing 880.00 acres.

The tract has two potentially minable coal seams, the Blind Canyon and the Hiawatha. The minable portions of the seams in this area are from 6 to 8 feet in thickness. This tract contains more than 7.63 million tons of recoverable high volatile C bituminous coal.

The estimated coal quality using weighted averages of samples on an as-received basis is:

BTU/lb. ....	12,790
Percent moisture .....	5.26
Percent sulphur .....	0.61
Percent ash .....	4.68
Percent fixed carbon .....	45.88
Percent volatile matter .....	44.18

(Totals do not equal 100% due to rounding).

**Rental and Royalty:** 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 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with BLM Manual 3070.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease are available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, PO Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 or in the Public Room (Room 400), 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: May 13, 2003.

**Kent Hoffman,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 16 and 17, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, 333 Sante Fe in Alamosa, Colorado and will begin at 9:30 a.m. on July 16. The public comment period will begin at approximately 9:45 a.m. and the meeting will end for the day at 4:30 p.m. On July 17 the meeting will reconvene at the same location at 8 a.m. for the field trip and will adjourn at 4 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15 member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Front Range Center, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include:

**July 16**

Manager reports  
Update on Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area Overview of the Fuels Management and Travel Management Program.

**July 17**

Sites visited on the Field Trip will include Blanca Wetlands and the Rio Grande Corridor.

All meetings are open to the public. The public can make oral statements to the Council at 9:45 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Front Range Center Office and will be available for public inspection and