

3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and

4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Requirements for Operating Rights Owners and Operators (43 CFR 3160).

*OBM Control Number:* 1004-0137.

*Bureau Form Number(s):* 3160-4.

*Abstract:* The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects and uses information from oil and gas operators to ensure accurate, up-to-date, and detailed descriptions of well completion and re-completion operations and compliance with approved plans for conservation of the resources and protection of the environment.

*Frequency:* Occasional.

*Description of Respondents:*

Operating rights owners and operators.

*Estimated Completion Time:* 1 hour.

*Annual Responses:* 3,000.

*Application Fee per Response:* 0.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,150.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: January 24, 2004.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[(WY-060-1320-EL), WYW154595]

#### Notice of Availability of Ten Mile Rim Coal Lease by Application Draft Environmental Assessment and Federal Coal Notice of Hearing, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on a Coal Lease By Application (LBA) received for one Federal coal tract in the decertified Green River/Hams Fork Coal Production Region, Wyoming, and Notice of Public Hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Ten Mile Rim Coal Tract Draft EA and a public hearing on the proposal to lease coal pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3425.4.

The Draft EA analyzes and discloses direct, indirect, and cumulative

environmental impacts of issuing a Federal coal lease on the eastern flank of the Rock Springs Uplift. These lands are located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments from the public on (1) the proposal to issue a Federal coal lease; (2) the proposed competitive lease sale; (3) the fair market value of the Federal coal; and (4) maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal included in the Ten Mile Rim tract.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft EA will be accepted on or before March 4, 2004. The public hearing will be held at 2 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on March 9, 2004, at the Pilot Butte Conference Room at the Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address questions, comments, or concerns to the Rock Springs Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Teri Deakins, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82902; fax them to (307) 352-0329; or send e-mail comments to Teri Deakins at [teri\\_deakins@blm.gov](mailto:teri_deakins@blm.gov).

The BLM asks that those submitting comments make them as specific as possible with reference to page numbers and chapters of the Draft EA. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response; however, they will be considered and included as part of the BLM decision-making process. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 or organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

A copy of the Draft EA has been sent to the affected Federal, State, and local government agencies; persons and entities identified as potentially being affected by a decision to lease the Federal coal in this tract; and persons who indicated to the BLM that they wished to receive a copy of the Draft EA. Copies of the Draft EA are available

for public inspection at the following office locations: Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

Future notification of public meetings, or other public involvement activities, concerning the proposed exchange will be provided through public notices, news media releases, or mailings. These notifications will provide at least 15 days notice of public meetings or gatherings and 30 days notice of written comment requests.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teri Deakins or Jeff Clawson at the above address, or telephone (307) 352-0256.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 28, 2001, Bridger Coal Company applied for a coal lease for approximately 7,054.34 acres in one tract (approximately 110 million recoverable tons of coal) adjacent to the Bridger Coal Mine in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The tract is referred to as the Ten Mile Rim Tract, and was assigned case number WYW154595. Based on exploratory drilling results, the Ten Mile Rim Tract has been modified, with a decrease in acreage. The modification, filed on February 11, 2003, reduces the amount of acreage to 2,242.18 acres containing about 43 million tons of in-place coal reserves.

The following lands are contained in the modified lease application in Sweetwater County, Wyoming:

#### Sixth Principle Meridian, Wyoming

T. 21 N., R. 100 W.

Section 6: Lots 8 through 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 22 N., R. 100 W.

Section 30: Lots 5 through 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$

T. 22 N., R. 101 W.

Section 26: Lots 1 through 16

Section 34: Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing 2,242.18 acres, more or less.

According to the modified application, the coal would be mined for sale to the Jim Bridger electrical power generating plant located adjacent to the existing mine, and would extend the life of the existing mine. The mine adjacent to the tract described above has an approved mining and reclamation plan from the State of Wyoming Land Quality Division and an approved air quality permit from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division.

The Draft EA analyzes two alternatives: The Proposed Action of leasing the tract and the No Action Alternative. Consistent with the coal

leasing regulations BLM has identified and considered other alternative tract configurations that would add or subtract Federal coal to avoid bypassing coal or to increase estimated fair market value of the unleased Federal coal in this area. The Draft EA also analyzes the No Action Alternative of rejecting the application to lease Federal coal. The Proposed Action and Alternative considered are in conformance with the Green River Resource Management Plan (1997).

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Draft EA. If the tract is leased, it must be incorporated into the existing mining and reclamation plan for the adjacent Bridger coal mine. Before the Federal coal in this tract can be mined the Secretary of the Interior must approve each revision to the MLA (Mineral Leasing Act) mining plan. OSM is the Department of the Interior agency that would be responsible for recommending approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval of the revised MLA plan to the Secretary of the Interior.

Dated: August 1, 2003.

**Alan L. Kesterke,**

*Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### **Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the 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) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held January 28, 2004, beginning 9 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District Office Sage Brush Conference Room, located at 3948

Development Ave, Boise, Idaho 83705. Public comment periods will be held after topics on the agenda. The meeting will adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

**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 southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following actions will occur/topics will be discussed:

- Election of Officers;
- Review and finalize 2004 Annual Work Plan;
- Update on status of the Owyhee Initiative;
- Status of BLM-Idaho's Organizational Refinement;
- Briefing and discussion of the BLM proposed changes to grazing regulations;
- Status on the review of Idaho-BLM Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, status of the report, and implemented of recommendations;
- Status of BLM Idaho's OHV Strategic Plan, timeline and actions anticipated in implementation;
- Update on status of District's Fire Management Plan;
- Subcommittee Reports;
- Grouse Habitat Management, Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and Transportation Management, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management;
- Three Field Office Managers and Acting District Fire Manager provide updates on current issues and planned activities in their field office and the District.

Agenda items may change due to changing circumstances. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. Expedited publication is requested to give the public adequate notice.

Dated: January 28, 2004.

**Howard Hedrick,**

*Associate District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0090).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled "30 CFR 216.57—Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification (Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification)."

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before April 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Lead Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 26165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also email your comments to us at [mrm.comments@mms.gov](mailto:mrm.comments@mms.gov). Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the "Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation we have received your email, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, Fax (303) 231-3781 or email [sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov](mailto:sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR 216.57—Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification (Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification).

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0090.  
*Bureau Form Number:* Form MMS-4377.