

Contains approximately 690.95 acres.

Total recoverable reserves are estimated to be 2.3 million tons. The underground minable coal in the B seam is ranked as high volatile B bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis is as follows:

Btu—12,136 Btu/lb.  
Moisture—5.52%  
Sulfur Content—0.60%  
Ash Content—12.20%

**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.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

**Karen Purvis,**

*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy,  
Lands and Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-921-04-1320-EL; COC 67664]

#### **Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Colowyo Coal Company L.P. COC 67664; Colorado**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of invitation for coal exploration license application.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Colowyo Coal Company L.P. in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America containing approximately 4,509.89 acres in Moffat County, Colorado.

**DATES:** Written Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to the

attention of the following persons and must be received by June 24, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Karen Purvis, CO-921, Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and Juan Garcia, Project Manager, Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The application for coal exploration license is available for public inspection during normal business hours under serial number COC 67664 at the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and at the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, Colorado 81625. Any party electing to participate in this program must share all costs on a pro rata basis with Colowyo Coal Company L.P. and with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

Dated: April 14, 2004.

**Karen Purvis,**

*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy,  
Lands and Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-04-1990-EX]

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on a Plan of Operations for the Newmont Mining Corporation Emigrant Mine Project in Elko County, NV; and Notice of Scoping Period and Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 43 CFR part 3809, the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office will be directing the preparation of an EIS by a third-party contractor on the potential impacts of a proposed Plan of Operations for gold mining by Newmont Mining Corporation in Elko County, Nevada. The project encompasses approximately 1,172 acres of public land.

**DATES:** This Notice initiates the 30-day public scoping period. Within 30 days of the publication of this Notice, a public scoping meeting will be held at the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, to

familiarize interested publics with the project and to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EIS. The scoping meeting will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at [www.nv.blm.gov/Elko](http://www.nv.blm.gov/Elko) at least 15 days prior to the event. Any additional public meetings, if necessary, will be announced similarly. Comments on issues can also be submitted in writing to the address listed below and for 30 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the BLM Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

—E-mail: [tschmidt@nv.blm.gov](mailto:tschmidt@nv.blm.gov).

—Fax: (775) 753-0255.

—Mail: Send to the attention of the Emigrant Mine Project Manager, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address 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. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. 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 available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Schmidt, Project Manager at the Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0200. Email: [tschmidt@nv.blm.gov](mailto:tschmidt@nv.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Newmont Mining Corporation has submitted a Plan of Operations to open the Emigrant Mine about ten miles south of Carlin, Nevada. The mine and associated facilities would be located in portions of Sections 24, 26, 34, 36 of T. 32 N., R. 53 E.; and Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, T. 31 N., R. 53 E. The proposed Emigrant Mine would include developing and operating an open pit mine; constructing a waste rock disposal facility, storing oxide waste in mined

out areas of the pit; developing an oxide heap leach pad; constructing ancillary facilities; temporarily rerouting intermittent stream and flows in the pit area; and concurrent reclamation. Proposed mining operations would last for approximately 9 years through the year 2013. Approximately 1172 acres of public land and 260 acres of private land would be disturbed.

The issues expected to be analyzed in the EIS include potential impacts to wildlife and cultural resources; the potential for waste rock, heap leach, and pit walls to produce acid rock drainage or heavy metals; and diversion of an unnamed drainage. Cumulative impacts will also be addressed. In addition, the following resources will be analyzed: geology and minerals, Native American religious concerns, air quality, paleontology, lands and realty, fisheries and aquatic resources, range management, vegetation, soils, visual resources, recreation and wilderness, weeds, social and economic values, environmental justice, and threatened, endangered, candidate, and sensitive resources.

A range of alternatives (including, but not limited to, alternative reclamation measures and the no-action alternative) will be developed to address the issues. Mitigating measures will be considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure the proposed action does not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. Federal, state and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by BLM's decision on Emigrant Mine Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this EIS.

**Authority:** 43 CFR Part 3809.

**Dated:** March 9, 2004.

**Helen Hankins,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-01-1020-PG]

#### Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory

Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held June 16 & 17, 2004, at the Great Northern Hotel in Malta, Montana. The June 16 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a 60-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 6 p.m. The June 17 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 3 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public lands in Montana. At this meeting the council will discuss:

The Blackleaf EIS scoping meetings;

The visitor use services category in the Monument RMP;

The definition of a road used in the Monument RMP;

The recent joint RAC meeting held in Phoenix;

The Region 6 prairie dog management guidelines; and

Field manager updates (time permitting).

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments (as detailed above). Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Mari, Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana 59457, 406/538-7461.

**Dated:** May 19, 2004.

**David L. Mari,**

*Lewistown Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-056-04-1430-ES; GP4-0151]

#### Termination of Classification and Order Providing for Opening of Land, OR 40119

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates the existing classification in its entirety for public lands that were classified as

suitable for lease/disposal pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 (44 Stat. 741), as amended, and opens 20.00 acres of land to surface entry, and mining, subject to the existing laws, rules, and regulations applicable to public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 25, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Phyllis Gregory, BLM, Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, 503-808-6188.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 23, 1987, 20.00 acres of public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management were classified as suitable for lease pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 (44 Stat. 741), as amended, and the regulations at 43 CFR part 2400. Upon classification the land was leased to the LaPine Rodeo Association for the construction, operation, and maintenance of rodeo grounds and facilities for a term of 10 years under BLM Serial Number OR 40119. On June 25, 1997, this lease expired.

The formerly leased land is described as follows:

**Willamette Meridian, Oregon**

T. 23 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 20.00 acres in Klamath County, Oregon.

At 8:30 a.m., on June 24, 2004, the land will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, but not to location or entry, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid existing applications received at or prior to 8:30 a.m., on June 24, 2004, will be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter will be considered in the order of filing.

At 8:30 a.m., on July 9, 2004, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws. Appropriation under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights