

recovery criteria are met, the status of the species will be reviewed and they will be considered for removal from the *Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants* (50 CFR part 17).

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f).

Dated: August 31, 2004.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Deputy Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-961-1410-HY-P; AA-84417, CAA-12]

Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance: Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Calista Corporation. The lands are located in Tps. 22 and 23 N., R. 48 W., and T. 22 N., R. 49 W., Seward Meridian, in the vicinity of Donlin Creek, Alaska, and contain 17,207.68 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Tundra Drums*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

(1) Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until October 25, 2004 to file an appeal.

(2) Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, # 13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Sitbon, by phone at (907) 271-3226, or by e-mail at *Chris_Sitbon@ak.blm.gov*. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may

call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Sitbon.

Chris Sitbon,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Land Transfer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-660-04-2822]

Notice of Extension of Emergency Temporary Closure (69 FR 16597, March 30, 2004) to Motorized and Mechanized Vehicle Use and Certain Other Uses on Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office is extending an emergency temporary closure order, which closes portions of public lands to motorized and mechanized vehicle use and prohibits or restricts certain other uses, in the South Coast Planning Area in San Diego County, California. The exception to the extended closure will be the Otay Mountain and Minnewawa Truck Trails. These roads will be opened to vehicle access. The extension of the closure is needed to protect stabilization treatments as recommended in the Department of the Interior's Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (BAER). Extension of the closure will allow a seed treatment of native species to germinate and establish during one growing season without the threat of trampling from vehicle and other human activities.

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Plan for the Otay fire in San Diego County.

DATES: This extended emergency temporary closure will be in affect from October 30, 2004 until May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the extended closure and a map of the closed areas can be obtained at the BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258, telephone (760) 251-4800; BLM, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825, Telephone (916)

978-4600. BLM will also announce the extension of the closure through local media outlets, and by posting this notice with a map of the closed areas at key locations that provide access to the closure area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janaye Byergo, Bureau of Land Management, phone (858) 451-1767 or by e-mail at *Janaye_Byergo@ca.blm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The same conditions and exceptions apply which were stated in the original temporary closure.

The emergency temporary closure is being extended as the conditions for ending the closure have not been met (69 FR 16599, March 30, 2004). Seeding treatments on 250 acres in Sycamore Canyon will be implemented in October 2004. The extension will protect the seeded area from off-highway (OHV) activity and other activities such as recreational target shooting and camping, allowing regeneration of native species. (43 CFR 8341.2, 43 CFR 8364.1)

Gail Acheson,

Palm Springs-South Coast Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW151134]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the West Roundup Tract described below in Campbell County, WY, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 2004. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Robert Janssen, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258, and 307-775-6206, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Triton Coal Company, LLC, of Gillette, WY. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located southeast of Wright, Wyoming, in southeastern Campbell County approximately 7 miles east of State Highway 59 and 5 miles south of State Highway 450:

T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 4: Lots 17, 18;

Sec. 5: Lots 17-20;

Sec. 6: Lots 8-23;

Sec. 7: Lots 5-14;

Sec. 8: Lots 1-12;

Sec. 9: Lots 1-8, 11-14;

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 31: Lots 13-20;

T. 42 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 1: Lots 5, 6, 11-14, 19, 20.

Containing 2,812.51 acres, more or less.

The tract is crossed by the Reno County Road and by the rail spur to the North Rochelle Mine and is adjacent to Federal coal leases held by the North Rochelle Mine to the east and the Black Thunder Mine to the north, and to State of Wyoming coal leases to the northwest and southeast. The northwest State lease is controlled by the Black Thunder Mine while the southeast State lease is controlled by the North Antelope/Rochelle Mine. The tract is also adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the south and west.

All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining except lands under the existing rail loop and plant facilities serving the North Rochelle Mine. These areas are protected from premature development by a USDA-Forest Service special use permit, which has determined that these areas are unsuitable for mining. However, these areas can be made suitable for mining by removing these features and using temporary loadout facilities farther west at the end of mine life. Other features, such as the county road, can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, numerous oil and/or gas wells have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of the future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining or re-

established after mining is completed. A small portion of the surface estate of the tract is controlled by the North Rochelle Mine but most of the surface estate is controlled by the United States and the Black Thunder Mine.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. On the tract, the Wyodak is generally a thick seam with one thin upper split and two thin lower splits. The lower splits are not continuous over the LBA tract but are often merged into the main seam. The upper split is generally present but is often too thin to recover. The main seam ranges from about 53-79 feet thick while the splits range from about 0-16 feet thick for the upper one and from about 0-8 and 0-5 feet thick for each of the lower two, respectively, where they occur. The overburden depths range from about 185-465 feet thick on the LBA. The interburden between the upper split and the main seam is from 0-30 feet while the lower splits are from 0-13 feet from the main seam and from 0-7 feet from each other.

The tract contains an estimated 327,186,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main seam and splits mentioned above, but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. The tract includes approximately 76,355,000 tons of mineable coal under the rail spur and plant facilities serving the North Rochelle Mine, which can be mined at the end of mine life. It does not include either the State of Wyoming coal in the northwest, which is expected to be recovered by the Black Thunder Mine, or the State of Wyoming coal in the southeast, which is not expected to be recovered at this time. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 4.3:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The West Roundup LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8790 BTU/lb with about 0.2% sulfur and 1.6% sodium in the ash. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the high end of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. 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 4 p.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. 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 of a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will 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 available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW151134, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Dated: June 16, 2004.

Alan Rabinoff,

Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Disclaimers of Interest in Lands, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Two applications have been filed by Ann Nilsson for recordable disclaimers of interest in certain lands by the United States.

DATES: Comments or protests to this action should be received by December 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments or protests must be filed with: State Director (ID933), Bureau of Land Management, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathie Foster, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, (208) 373-3863 or Ron Grant, BLM, Cottonwood Field Office, House 1, Butte Drive Route 3, Box 181,