

regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: The Northeast Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Gideon Putnam Hotel and Conference Center, 24 Gideon Putnam Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Phone 518-226-4700. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained in the office of Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Suite 322, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Tremblay, Northeast Panel Coordinator, Nature Source Communications, P.O. Box 3019, Boscawen, NH, 03303, 603-796-2615, or Everett Wilson, Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 703-358-2148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces meetings of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Northeast Regional Panel was established by the ANS Task Force in 2001 and is comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Northeast region of the United States that includes: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. Responsibilities of the Panel include: a. Identifying priorities for the Northeast Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species; b. Making recommendations to the Task Force regarding actions to carry out aquatic invasive species programs. c. Assisting the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Northeast region; d. Coordinating, where possible, aquatic invasive species program activities in the Northeast region that are not conducted pursuant to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as amended, 1996); e. Providing advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species; and f. Submitting an annual report describing activities within the Western region related to aquatic nuisance

species prevention, research, and control.

The Northeast Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: updates from both the ANS Task Force and the National Invasive Species Council, and updates from other groups including State and Regional updates; committee break-out planning sessions and updates; New York State highlights; research priorities, progress on the rapid assessment, the New Hampshire outreach pilot program; the pet industry panel, and a feature on sea lamprey including management strategies in New York.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

M.A. Parker,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meetings of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to continue providing recommendations from the affected interests to the Department of the Interior on implementation of their program to restore anadromous fisheries, including salmon and steelhead, of the Klamath River in California and Oregon.

DATES: The first meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 9, 2005, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 10, 2005. The second meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 15, 2005, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 16, 2005. The third meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 19, 2005, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 20, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will be held at the Elk Valley Rancheria, 2500 Howland Hill Road, Crescent City, California. The second meeting will be held at the Convention Center, Best Western Miner's Inn, 112 E. Miner Street, Yreka, California. The third

meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn, 2500 Almond Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Task Force, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639)

Dated: October 8, 2004.

John Engbring,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW151634]

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 Hay Creek 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, November 17, 2004. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Tuesday, November 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the 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: Julie Weaver, Land Law Examiner, or Robert Janssen, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6260, 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. The Federal coal tract being considered for sale is adjacent to the Buckskin Mine operated

by Triton Coal Company, LLC. Triton Coal Company, LLC, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vulcan Intermediary, LLC. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located 11 miles north of Gillette, Wyoming, in north-central Campbell County approximately two miles east of U.S. Highway 14/16, four miles west of State Highway 59 and crossed by Hay Creek. The BLM has increased the size of the LBA by approximately 83.06 acres along the northern and southeastern boundary in order to maximize economic recovery and to avoid a potential bypass of federal coal. The legal description for the property is as follows:

- T. 52 N., R. 72 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming;
 Sec. 17: Lots 5 (S^{1/2}), 6 (S^{1/2}), 7 (S^{1/2}), 8 (S^{1/2}), 9–14;
 Sec. 18: Lots 12 (SE^{1/4}), 13 (E^{1/2}), 20 (E^{1/2});
 Sec. 19: Lots 5 (E^{1/2}), 12 (E^{1/2}), 13 (E^{1/2}), 20 (E^{1/2});
 Sec. 20: Lots 2 (W^{1/2}, W^{1/2}E^{1/2}), 3–6, 7 (W^{1/2}, W^{1/2}E^{1/2}), 10 (W^{1/2}, W^{1/2}E^{1/2}), 11–14, 15 (W^{1/2}, W^{1/2}E^{1/2}).

Containing 921.1575 acres, more or less.

The tract is adjacent to Federal coal leases to the south and east, to a State of Wyoming coal lease to the northeast, and to an imbedded private lot all controlled by the Buckskin Mine. It is also adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the north and west.

All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining. Hay Creek is not expected to qualify as an alluvial valley floor and so can be diverted, mined out, and restored. Other features such as pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. Finally, 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. All of the surface estate is controlled by the Buckskin 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 seam is divided into numerous seams and splits. The primary seam is the Canyon seam which varies from about 54–68 feet thick on the LBA. A shallower secondary seam, the Anderson, varies from about 16–19 feet thick on the LBA. A thin split above the Anderson reaches 5 feet thick in places on the LBA. A thin seam between the Anderson and Canyon varies between 5–10 feet thick on the LBA.

Three additional seam/splits below the Canyon occur over limited areas on the LBA and range from 0–9 feet thick. The overburden depths range from about 32–275 feet thick. The interburden between the upper split and the Anderson ranges from 4–6 feet thick, between the Anderson and the middle seam from 14–20 feet thick, between the middle seam and the Canyon seam from 6–37 feet thick, and between the lower three split/seams from 0–40 feet thick where they occur on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 142,698,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the Canyon and Anderson seams as well as the other seams/splits mentioned above, but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 2.0:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The West Hay Creek LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8346 BTU/lb with about 0.28 percent sulfur and 1.75 percent sodium in the ash. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the low 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 equals 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, November 16, 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, WYW151634, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

Alan Rabinoff,

Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–050–1430–ER]

Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Flood Control Master Plan, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

COOPERATING AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared and completed the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Flood Control Master Plan, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, approved June 4, 1991, by Record of Decision.

DATES: The FSEIS will be available to the public for a 30-day period prior to the Record of Decision (ROD) being finalized. The date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** initiates the 30-day availability period.

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

- Web site: <http://www.blm.nv.gov>.
- E-mail: agarcia@nv.blm.gov.
- Fax: (702) 515–5010.
- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130–2301.

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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of