

to include in the environmental documents.

DATES: Please provide any comments on the subject CCP/EA by April 15, 2005. The Service will notify the public of subsequent meetings on development of the proposed CCP/EA via **Federal Register** notice and other means, including special mailings, newspaper articles, and Web site announcements. Inquire at the address below for future dates of planning activity.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for more information may be addressed to Refuge Manager, Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 21, Shirley, New York 11976, 631-286-0485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies. Public input into this planning process is essential.

The Service began soliciting information from the public in 2000 via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and Web site announcements helped to inform the public in the general area near each refuge of the time and place of opportunities for input to the CCP.

The refuge complex has recently completed two EAs independent of the CCP process; one EA specifically addressed the issue of deer hunting at Wertheim NWR, and another EA addressed development of a headquarters and visitor center at Wertheim NWR. The Service has determined that, at this time, an EA is a more appropriate document than an EIS to accompany the CCP.

The need to prepare an EIS is a matter of professional judgment requiring consideration of all issues in question. If the EA determines that the CCP will constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, an EIS will then be prepared. The primary purpose of an EIS is to ensure that a full and fair discussion of all significant environmental impacts occurs and to inform decision makers and the public of the reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or

enhance the quality of the human environment.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. Concurrent with the CCP process, the Service will conduct a wilderness review and incorporate a summary of the review into the CCP, as well as include compatibility determinations for all applicable refuge uses. We estimate that the Draft CCP/EA will be available in the summer 2005.

Dated: March 3, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-09-1320-EL, WYW162491]

Coal Lease Exploration License, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of invitation for coal exploration license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by Section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 CFR 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Powder River Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell County, WY:

- T. 41 N., R. 69 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 5: Lots 8, 9, and 16;
- T. 42 N., R. 69 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 18: Lot 13 (S $\frac{1}{2}$);
Sec. 19: Lots 6 (S $\frac{1}{2}$), 7, 9, 11 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$), 12, 15;
Sec. 29: Lots 4 (W $\frac{1}{2}$), 5, 12, 13, 14 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$);
Sec. 30: Lots 5 through 7;
Sec. 32: Lots 3 (W $\frac{1}{2}$), 4, 5 (N $\frac{1}{2}$).
Containing 693.9025 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Coal Leasing Area and the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resources Area. The purpose of the

exploration program is to delineate the cropline for the Wyodak-Anderson coal seam and to obtain coal structure and quality data.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW162491): Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. This notice of invitation will be published in The News-Record of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of March 28, 2005, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management and Powder River Coal Company no later than thirty days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Powder River Coal Company, Attn: Karen Lohkamp, Caller Box 3034, Gillette, WY 82717-3034, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Julie Weaver, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: February 1, 2005.

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Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-962-05-1420-BJ]

Montana: Filing of Plats of Amended Protraction Diagrams

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of amended protraction diagrams.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plats of the amended protraction diagrams of the lands described below in the BLM