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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An application to lease the Federal coal on the Eagle Butte West Tract adjacent to the Eagle Butte Mine was filed on December 28, 2001, by RAG Coal West, Inc. Foundation purchased the Eagle Butte Mine from RAG Coal West, Inc., in August 2004. The Powder River Regional Coal Team reviewed this lease application at a public meeting held on May 30, 2002, in Casper, Wyoming, and recommended that BLM process it.

The applicant filed a request to modify the tract on October 16, 2003. As currently filed, the application includes approximately 243.2 million tons of in-place Federal coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

**T. 51 N., R. 72 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming**

Section 19: Lots 13, 14, 19, and 20;

Section 20: Lots 10 (S½), 11 (S½), and 12 through 15;

Section 29: Lots 1 (W½), 2 through 7, 8 (W½ and SE¼), and 9 through 16;

Section 30: Lots 5, 6, 11 through 14, 19 and 20.

Containing 1,397.64 acres more or less.

The surface estate overlying the Federal coal is privately owned.

Foundation proposes to mine the tract as a part of the Eagle Butte Mine. At the 2004 mining rate of 23 million tons per year, the coal included in the Eagle Butte West Tract would extend the life of the Eagle Butte Mine by approximately 10.5 years. In accordance with 43 CFR 3425.1-9, BLM will evaluate unleased Federal coal in and around the tract and may decide to add or subtract lands to avoid bypassing Federal coal or to increase potential competitive interest in the tract.

The Eagle Butte Mine is operating under approved mining permits from the Land Quality and Air Quality Divisions of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. If the Eagle Butte West Tract is leased to the applicant, the new lease must be incorporated into the existing mining and reclamation plan for the adjacent mine and the Secretary of the Interior must approve the revised Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) mining plan before the Federal coal in the tract can be mined. OSM is the Federal agency that would be responsible for recommending approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval of the revised

MLA mining plan to the office of the Secretary of the Interior.

The BLM will provide interested parties the opportunity to submit comments or relevant information or both. This information will help BLM identify issues to be considered in preparing a draft EIS for the Eagle Butte West Tract. Specific issues that have been identified at this time include the presence of city and county facilities, including the Gillette Airport and the Rawhide Elementary School, and occupied residences in the vicinity of the tract. Issues that have been identified in analyzing the impacts of previous Federal coal leasing actions in the Wyoming PRB include the need for resolution of conflicts between existing and proposed oil and gas development and coal mining on the tract proposed for leasing; potential impacts to big game herds and hunting; potential impacts to sage grouse; potential impacts to listed threatened and endangered species; potential health impacts related to blasting operations conducted by the mines to remove overburden and coal; the need to consider the cumulative impacts of coal leasing decisions combined with other existing and proposed development in the Wyoming PRB; and potential site-specific and cumulative impacts on air and water quality.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Meeting notice for National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

**SUMMARY:** The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board will meet June 1, 2005, from 1 to 5 p.m. (PDT) at the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Way, Baker City, Oregon.

Meeting topics may include the long-range marketing plan, education and outreach, the strategic plan versus budget, and other topics as may come before the board. The meeting is open to the public. Public comment is scheduled for 2 to 2:15 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information concerning the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board may be obtained from Debbie Lyons, Public Affairs Officer, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, (541) 473-6218 or e-mail [Debra\\_Lyons@or.blm.gov](mailto:Debra_Lyons@or.blm.gov).

Dated: April 26, 2005.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Wildlife Task Group**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Wildlife Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** A PAWG Wildlife Task Group meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2005 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the BLM Pinedale Field Office at 432 E. Mills St., Pinedale, WY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steve Belinda, BLM/Wildlife TG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St., PO Box 768, Pinedale, WY 82941; (307) 367-5323.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG's charter is to advise the BLM on development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions for the life of the Pinedale Anticline natural gas field. The PAWG subsequently established seven resource- or activity-specific Task Groups, including one for Wildlife.