

beginning the week of March 10, 2005, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Ark Land Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section above, no later than thirty days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: May 18, 2005.

**Kent Hoffman,**

*Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-82243]

#### Notice of Invitation To Participate in Coal Exploration Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is an invitation to participate in Coal Exploration program. Ark Land Company has filed the application for the Granger Ridge Tract. All qualified parties are invited to participate with Ark Land Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of certain Federal coal deposits in the following described lands in Carbon County, Utah:

T. 12 S., R. 6 E., SLM, Utah  
 Sec. 13, Lot 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 23, All;  
 Sec. 24, Lots 1-7, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 25, Lots 1-4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 26, Lots 1-4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing 3,803.86 acres.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Buge, Salt Lake City, Bureau of Land Management, (801) 539-4086.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145, and to Mark Bunnell, Mine Geologist, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526. BLM must receive your written notice by August 15, 2005.

Any party wishing to participate in this exploration program must be qualified to hold a lease under the provisions of 43 CFR 3472.1 and must share all cost on a pro rata basis. An exploration plan submitted by Ark Land Company, detailing the scope and timing of this exploration program is available for public review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 440 W. 200 S., Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, under serial number UTU-82243.

Dated: May 6, 2005.

**Kent Hoffman,**

*Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-09-1320-EL, WYW163613]

#### 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 Bridger 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 Sweetwater County, WY:

T. 22 N., R. 101 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
 Sec. 22: Lots 1-16;  
 Sec. 24: Lots 1-15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 Containing 1,278.74 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Rock Springs Known Recoverable Coal Resources Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain coal quality data and to further quantify this particular reserve base inclusive of adjacent private and state lands. 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW163613): Bureau of Land

Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901. The written notice to participate in the exploration program should be sent to both of the following addresses: Bridger Coal Company, c/o Interwest Mining Company, Attn: Scott M. Child, One Utah Center, Suite 2100, 201 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Julie Weaver, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of invitation will be published in the "Rocket-Miner" of Rock Springs, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of July 11, 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 Bridger Coal Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section above, no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**. The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: May 25, 2005.

**Alan Rabinoff,**

*Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-420-2824-DD-FM04]

#### Notice of Intent: To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Eastside Township Fuels and Vegetation Project

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cottonwood Field Office, will be directing the preparation of an EIS for the Eastside Township Fuels and Vegetation Project and initiate the formal public scoping process. The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice and will end 30 days after its publication. Comments on the scope of

the EIS, including concerns, issues, or proposed alternatives that should be considered should be submitted in writing to the address below, and will be accepted throughout the scoping period. All scoping meetings will be announced 15 days in advance through the local news media, and newsletters.

**DATES:** The Draft EIS is expected to be distributed for public review and comment in the summer of 2005, and it's anticipated that the Final EIS should be completed four to six months later.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the BLM, Cottonwood Field Office, Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, Idaho 83522, (fax (208) 962-3275), or e-mail [robbin\\_boyce@blm.gov](mailto:robbin_boyce@blm.gov). Comments submitted, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Cottonwood Field Office during regular business hours from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your 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 made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Robbin Boyce at the Cottonwood Field Office (see address above), telephone (208) 962-3594 or e-mail: [robbin\\_boyce@blm.gov](mailto:robbin_boyce@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Initial scoping for this project began February 6, 2004, when a scoping letter that included a description of the proposed action and purpose and need for the project, was mailed to interested parties. Based upon the comments from the public, agencies, coalitions and Native Americans, and further field review, it was determined that further analysis and an EIS was warranted.

The proposed action implements key components of the National Fire Plan as addressed in the 10-year Comprehensive Strategy by reducing hazardous fuels conditions, reducing the risk of high intensity wildland fire to life, property and natural resources in the Elk City wildland—urban interface, and maintaining low intensity fire conditions where they exist. The

proposed project implements recommendations from the Idaho County Wildland Fire and Mitigation Plan (2003) prepared by the Clearwater Resource Conservation and Development Council. The proposed action would support an upward trend in watershed/aquatic conditions as required by the Chief Joseph Management Framework Plan, and would entail changing the forest density and species composition to maintain and increase forest stand resilience to high intensity fire, insects, and disease. This would be achieved by applying various silvicultural prescriptions including salvage, patch clearcutting, seedtree/shelterwood, pre-commercial and commercial thinning, biomass utilization, grapple piling of slash, and prescribed burns. Timber harvest and prescribed burning prescriptions would be conducted on an estimated 1,300 acres. Road closure, decommissioning, and conversion of roads to trails, riparian treatments (plantings and stabilization), and in-stream habitat modification would be used to improve fish habitat and aquatic conditions.

Issues previously identified during public scoping for this project as well as comments received as a result of this Notice, will be used to prepare the EIS. Issues previously identified during public scoping for this project include the following:

- Declining forest health due to mortality from insects and disease;
- High potential for stand replacing fire; including the risk to public safety and potential property loss due to the location of residences within the forested areas;
- Desired future conditions for the seral stages of forest stands and the need and ability to control weeds;
- Access issues including the need to cross Forest Service and private lands;
- Road construction, erosion, and water quality;
- Fisheries (resident, anadromous, and listed species) habitat;
- Wildlife habitat; including big game hiding, security, thermal cover and travel corridors/connectivity;
- Cultural, heritage and visual resources; and
- Impacts of past and likely future activities in the Elk City area.

More detailed information about this project, including maps, is available at the Cottonwood Field Office, Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, Idaho 83522. If you previously submitted comments, they will be considered and you will be retained on the mailing list.

Dated: May 26, 2005.

**K. Lynn Bennett,**

*State Director, Idaho.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-030-05-1320-EL, WVES-50556, WVES-50560]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Use Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement; Coal Lease Applications WVES-50556 and WVES-50560, Wayne County, WV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received two applications to lease a total of 13,089.55 acres of Federal coal at the East Lynn Lake project in Wayne County, West Virginia. The lease applications for mining the federal coal on these were applied under the provisions of 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3425.1. The BLM will prepare a LUA/EIS prior to holding a competitive Federal coal lease sale. Both applicants are proposing to mine the coal by underground mining methods from existing mines they operate on adjacent private land. The lands being considered for lease border East Lynn Lake on portions of both its north and south shores, but no mining would occur directly beneath the lake itself. This notice, in accordance with Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the beginning of the review process and invites the public, other Federal Agencies, State and local governments to submit information on coal resource development potential and on resources which may be affected by coal development for lands within the analysis area. The BLM also asks that you suggest issues that should be considered in developing the LUA and include statements explaining why the land should or should not be considered for leasing.

**DATES:** The BLM will accept comments on or before August 15, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send written comments to Bureau of Land Management, Attn: John Romito, 901 Pine Street, Suite 201, Rolla, MO 65401. You may also submit electronic comments and other data to [EastLynnLakeComments@blm.gov](mailto:EastLynnLakeComments@blm.gov). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for information regarding a public meeting