

with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-06-1320-EL-P; MTM 95451]

Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 95451

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Western Energy Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Treasure and Rosebud Counties, Montana, encompassing 548.17 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5060, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands to be explored for coal deposits are described as follows:

- T. 2 N., R. 38 E., P.M.M.
Sec. 14: E $\frac{1}{2}$.
- T. 1 N., R. 39 E., P.M.M.
Sec. 4: Lots 1, 2, 4.
- T. 2 N., R. 39 E., P.M.M.
Sec. 34: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, and Western Energy Company, P.O. Box 99, Colstrip, Montana 59323. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 95451 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Independent Press* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Independent Press*, Forsyth, Montana.

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. The exploration plan, as

submitted by Western Energy Company, is available for public inspection at the BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Dated: February 16, 2006.

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Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement on the Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project and Land Exchange, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Alaska

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement on the Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project and Land Exchange, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project and Land Exchange, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

This ROD documents the decision by the NPS on behalf of the Secretary of Interior (Secretary) to implement applicable portions of the Glacier Bay National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-317) (Act). The Act mandated the Secretary implement specific actions once certain provisions were met. In this ROD the NPS addresses its decision to:

- Exchange land presently in Glacier Bay National Park (Glacier Bay) to the State of Alaska (state);
- Add state land to Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (Klondike Gold Rush);
- Designate an island in Blue Mouse Cove and Cenotaph Island in Glacier Bay as wilderness; and
- Adjust national park and wilderness boundaries as necessary to compensate for the land exchange.

By addressing these actions the NPS will fulfill the Department of Interior's responsibility under the Act.

This ROD follows the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) October 29, 2004 decision to issue a license to Gustavus Electric Company allowing the construction and operation of the Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project

(FERC No. 11659). It also follows the FERC Order Denying Rehearing on March 24, 2005 and FERC's June 17, 2005 denial of a request to reconsider the March 24, 2005 Order. This record of decision does not address any of FERC's responsibility under the Act nor does it address any aspect of the licensing process and decision as discussed in the final environmental impact statement (final EIS) and the FERC Order Issuing License and the subsequent rehearing denials.

The NPS has decided to adopt the Preferred Alternative as presented in the final EIS. This will result in conveying approximately 1,034 acres in Glacier Bay to the State of Alaska and in exchange receiving approximately 1,040 acres in Klondike Gold Rush. Included is the designation of 1,069 acres in Glacier Bay as wilderness and deletion of 1040 acres of wilderness in Glacier Bay. The National Park and National Wilderness boundaries will be adjusted.

The ROD briefly discusses the Act and background of the hydroelectric project and land exchange, summarizes public involvement during the planning process, states the decision and discusses the basis for it, describes other alternatives considered, specifies the environmentally preferable alternative, identifies measures adopted to minimize potential environmental harm, and provides a non-impairment determination.

ADDRESSES: The ROD can be found online at the <http://www.nps.gov/gbla>. Copies of the ROD are available on request from: Bruce Greenwood, National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office, 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Telephone: (907) 644-3503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce Greenwood, Project Manager, National Park Service, Alaska Region, 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Telephone: (907) 644-3503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS prepared a final EIS, as required, under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1500).

A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement, published in the **Federal Register** on July 5, 2002 (67 FR 129), formally initiated the environmental impact statement (EIS) process. A draft EIS was issued on November 7, 2003 (68 FR 216) for a 60-day public comment period, that ended January 6, 2004. A **Federal Register** notice announcing the availability of the final EIS was