

including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

The Services request that comments be specific. In particular, we request information regarding: direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that implementation of the proposed HCP or other alternatives could have on endangered and threatened and other covered species, and their communities and habitats; other possible alternatives that meet the purpose and need of the proposed HCP; potential adaptive management and/or monitoring provisions; funding issues; existing environmental conditions in the plan area; other plans or projects that might be relevant to this proposed project; permit duration; maximum acreage that should be covered; specific species that should or should not be covered; specific landforms that should or should not be covered; and minimization and mitigation efforts. NMFS and FWS estimate that the draft EIS will be available for public review in the summer of 2006.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and applicable policies and procedures of the Services. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 of the NEPA regulations to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Tim Romanski or John Stadler (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). To allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than June 22, 2006. Information regarding the applicant's proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

Dated: June 12, 2006.

Theresa E. Rabot,

Acting Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

Dated: June 12, 2006.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Call for Nominations for Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council call for nominations in Northwest Colorado.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (RAC) specifically in "Category 2," which includes representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic organizations, dispersed recreation users, and wild horse and burro organizations. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within northwestern Colorado. The BLM will consider public nominations for 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

DATES: Send all nominations to the address below no later than July 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: David Boyd, Glenwood Springs Field Office, BLM, 50629 Highways 6 and 24, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601. Phone: (970) 947-2800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1730, *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to establish advisory councils, with 10 to 15 members each, that are consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR subpart 1784.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the RAC has jurisdiction. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations,
- A completed background information nomination form,
- Any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, the BLM Glenwood Springs Field Office will issue a press release providing additional information for submitting nominations.

Dated: April 24, 2006.

Jamie Connell,

Designated Federal Officer, Northwest RAC, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-1320-EM; NDM 95104]

Request for Public Comment on Environmental Analysis, Fair Market Value, and Maximum Economic Recovery; Coal Lease Application—NDM 95104; BNI Coal, Ltd.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the BNI Coal, Ltd.'s (BNI) Federal Coal Lease Application NDM 95104 and requests public comment on the associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Fair Market Value (FMV), and Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the coal resources subject to the lease application.

The land included in Coal Lease Application NDM 95104 is adjacent to BNI's Center Mine, located in Oliver County, North Dakota, and is described as follows:

T. 142 N., R. 84 W., 5th P. M.

Sec. 28; W¹/₂.

320.00 acres.

The EA addresses the cultural, socioeconomic, environmental and cumulative impacts that would likely

result from leasing these coal lands. Two alternatives are addressed in the EA:

Alternative 1—(Proposed Action) would involve leasing the tract, as applied for. This tract contains an estimated 9.863 million tons of recoverable coal reserves.

Alternative 2—(No Action) Reject or deny the coal lease application. The Federal coal reserves would be bypassed.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the FONSI associated with this proposed action as well as the FMV and MER of the proposed lease tract.

Notice is also given that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2006 at 9 a.m., on the FONSI, FMV, and MER for the proposed lease sale at the Days Inn Grand Dakota Lodge, 532 15th St. West, Dickinson, North Dakota.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2006, at the BLM North Dakota Field Office, 2933 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota.

ADDRESSES: Comments or questions may be directed to Angela Wetz, Natural Resource Specialist, North Dakota Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2933 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601-2619 (telephone 701-227-7741). Copies of the EA are available at the above address. For more complete data on this tract, please contact Coal Coordinator, Rebecca Spurgin (telephone 406-896-5080), Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Coal Management regulations 43 CFR 3422 and 3425, not less than 30 days prior to publication of a notice of sale, the Secretary shall solicit public comments on the proposed sale, FMV, and MER on the proposed lease tract. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on FMV and MER, except those 3 portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, and should include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resources;

2. The mining method or methods which would achieve MER of the coal including specification of the seams to be mined, timing and rate of production, restriction to mining, and inclusion of the tract in an existing mining operation;

3. The FMV appraisal including but not limited to the evaluation of the tract as an incremental unit of an existing mine, selling price of the coal, mining and reclamation costs, net present value discount factors, depreciation and other tax accounting factors, value of the surface estate, and any comparable sales data of similar coal lands.

The values given above may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Wetz, Natural Resource Specialist, North Dakota Field Office 2933 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601-2619, telephone (701) 227-7741.

Dated: May 8, 2006.

David G. Coppock,

Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-7122-EA]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the "Over The River" Art Project in Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of public scoping.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and in response to an application filed by the artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Royal Gorge Field Office, announces its intention to prepare an EIS and conduct public scoping. The artists propose to hang

fabric panels over a portion of the Arkansas River as an artistic exhibition. The reason for preparing an EIS is based upon several factors, including a specific request from the applicants; the increasing complexity of the project; the level of controversy related to the project; and the level of involvement during the scoping process.

DATES: Public scoping is ongoing due to an Environmental Assessment that was started on the proposed art project. The BLM hosted three public meetings in January in Canon City, Cotopaxi, and Salida, with over 700 people attending. The meetings were in an "open house" format and allowed the BLM, the artists, and other agencies with management interests to answer questions, explain project details, and gather information from interested individuals and groups. Over 1,100 public scoping comments have already been submitted. The scoping period will be extended for 30 days after publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, Attn: Over The River, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212.

Comments can also be submitted by FAX to (719) 269-8599. Electronic mail may be sent to: rgfo_comments@blm.gov. Please write "Over The River" in the subject line. Your responses are important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will keep you informed of the decision resulting from this analysis. Public comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy L. Masinton, Field Manager, at the Royal Gorge Field Office address listed above, or Pete Zwaneveld, Environmental Coordinator. Both can be reached by