routine land management activities, and to return to pre-SHA conditions (baseline). Under the SHA, the Applicant would undertake management activities to benefit the PVB by: planting 934 ocean locoweed (*Astragalus trichopodus var.lonchus*) and 1,400 deerweed (*Lotus scoparius*) plants (PVB hostplants) in a matrix of native CSS plants that will benefit a variety of dependent wildlife species including the PVB; completing restoration of 8 acres of park land into CSS habitat with a diverse native plant community and high structural diversity; controlling invasive weeds; and increasing the connectivity of CSS habitats on the Peninsula within the Enrolled Property.

In order to receive the above assurances regarding incidental take of the PVB, the Applicant must maintain baseline on the Enrolled Property. The Service and Applicant have determined that the measure of baseline for PVB will be the number of ocean locoweed plants that were present within Friendship Park prior to restoration actions. The Palos Verdes blue butterfly does not currently inhabit the Enrolled Property. Therefore, the baseline for the SHA is 194 ocean locoweed plants within 0.055 acres of habitat for the PVB. There were only a few scattered deerweed plants on the property prior to restoration actions, and these plants are not considered part of the baseline condition.

If you wish to comment on the permit application, including the SHA, or the Environmental Action Statement, you may submit your comments to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments and materials received, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section above. If you provide personal identifying information, you may request at the beginning of your comment that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We will evaluate this permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act and NEPA regulations. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will sign the proposed Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the Applicants for take of the PVB incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the SHA. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

The Service provides this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: March 31, 2009.

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Leasing and Underground Mining of the Greens Hollow Coal Lease Tract, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior and Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Leasing and Underground Mining of the Greens Hollow Coal Lease Tract, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, Utah and by this Notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Leasing and Underground Mining of the Greens Hollow Coal Lease Tract, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, Utah DEIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 14 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail:

UT_PR_Comments2@BLM.gov.

Fax: (435) 636–3657.

Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501, Attn: Greens Hollow Coal Lease Tract DEIS.

Copies of the Leasing and Underground Mining of the Greens Hollow Coal Lease Tract, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, Utah are available at the Price Field Office at the above address; the Manti-La Sal National Forest—Supervisor's Office, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501, and the Fishlake National Forest, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Rigby, Project Manager, Price BLM Field Office at (435) 636–3604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS evaluates a proposal by Ark Land Company, a subsidiary of Arch Coal, Inc., to lease and conduct underground mining of Federal coal within the 6,334 acre project area. The development plan proposal also includes two ventilation shafts, one surface mine ventilation fan and associated operational infrastructure, a new surface 69 kV powerline, and access road upgrade.

To address potential effects on the multiple resources which make up the affected environment, the BLM and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, in coordination with cooperating agencies, have developed three alternatives in the DEIS. The alternatives include a No Action Alternative, the Proposed Action, and a third Alternative, which modifies components of the Proposed Action. The alternatives incorporate best management practices for underground coal mining and other measures necessary to adequately address impacts to geology, water resources, cultural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife, vegetation, Threatened and Endangered Species, socioeconomics, visual resources, air quality, and other relevant issues.

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