The human remains were removed either from south of Seattle or northern Seattle. Both of these areas fall within the Southern Lushootseed language group of Salish cultures. The Duwamish people primarily occupied the Seattle area. The Muckleshoot tribe occupied the area south of Seattle. As per the terms of the 1855 Point Elliot Treaty, the Duwamish were assigned to the Suquamish Reservation (called Fort Kitsap at the time). After 1856, due to violence between whites and Native Americans, as well as the competition over available resources, many Duwamish left the Suquamish Reservation. The Duwamish people are represented by the present-day Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation, Washington; Snoqualmie Tribe, Washington; Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation, Washington; and Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation, Washington.

Officials of the Burke Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of nine individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Burke Museum also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(A), the 100 objects described above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the Burke Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation, Washington; Snoqualmie Tribe, Washington; Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation, Washington; and Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation, Washington.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Dr. Peter Lape, Burke Museum, University of Washington, Box 353010, Seattle, WA 98195–3010, telephone (206) 685–3849, before February 4, 2010. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation, Washington; Snoqualmie Tribe, Washington; Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation, Washington; and Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation, Washington may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Burke Museum is responsible for notifying the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation, Washington; Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, Washington; Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe of Washington; Snoqualmie Tribe, Washington; Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation, Washington; and Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation, Washington that this notice has been published.

Dated: November 25, 2009

Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion: Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL. The human remains were removed from Howkan, AK.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Field Museum of Natural History professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Hydaburg Cooperative Association.

In 1902, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were removed from a grave south of Howkan, AK, by Charles F. Newcombe for the Field Museum of Natural History (Field Museum of Natural History accession number 850, catalog number 40935). No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The human remains have been identified as Native American, based on the specific cultural and geographic attribution in Field Museum of Natural History records. The records identify the human remains as “Kaigani Haida” and “From Shaman’s grave south of Howkan.” Scholarly publications and consultation information provided by the Hydaburg Cooperative Association indicate that Howkan is considered to be within the traditional territory of the Kaigani Haida. The Kaigani Haida are represented by the Hydaburg Cooperative Association.

Officials of the Field Museum of Natural History have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Field Museum of Natural History also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Hydaburg Cooperative Association.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Helen Robbins, Repatriation Director, Field Museum of Natural History, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605, telephone (312) 665–7317, before February 4, 2010. Repatriation of the human remains to the Hydaburg Cooperative Association may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Field Museum is responsible for notifying the Hydaburg Cooperative Association that this notice has been published.

Dated: November 19, 2009

Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLMT921000–09–L13200000–EL0000–P; MTM 99242]

Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 99242

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 Rosebud County, Montana, encompassing 2,533.88 acres. The authority for the notice is section
2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and the regulations adopted at 43 CFR part 3410.

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, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4668, telephone (406) 896–5084 or (406) 896–5060, respectively.

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

T. 1 N., R. 40 E., P.M.M.
Sec. 26: All
Sec. 28: All
Sec. 34: Lots 1–4, N½S½, N½S½
T. 1 S., R. 41 E., P. M.M.
Sec. 6: Lots 1–7, S½NE½, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, SE¼

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 99242 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 consecutive weeks in the Independent Press, Forayth, Montana.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and may be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan subject to approval by the BLM. 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.

Phillip C. Perlewitz,
Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[LLNM920000 L1320000.EW0000; NMNM–123298]

Notice of Invitation To Participate; Exploration for Coal in New Mexico; License NMNM 123298

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are invited to participate with the San Juan Coal Company, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America.

DATES: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the San Juan Coal Company must receive notices from the public expressing their interest in participating in the coal-exploration program no later than February 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may obtain a complete description of the lands covered in the license application by contacting the San Juan Coal Company, or the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, Solid Minerals Adjudication, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502–0115. Any parties electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502–0115 and the San Juan Coal Company, P.O. Box 561, Waterflow, New Mexico 87421. The written notice must include a justification for participation and any recommended changes in the exploration plan with specific reasons for such changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Trujillo at (505) 438–7592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are located in San Juan County, New Mexico, and are described as follows:

T. 30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM
Sec. 9: All;
Sec. 10: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S½N½, S½;
Sec. 15: All;
Sec. 21: All;
Sec. 22: All;
Sec. 27: All;
Sec. 28: All;
Sec. 33: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, N½, N½S½;
Sec. 34: Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, N½, N½S½.

These lands contain 5,802.15 acres, more or less.

This proposed exploration program is for the purpose of determining the quality and quantity of the coal in the area and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM. A copy of the exploration plan, as submitted by the San Juan Coal Company, may be examined at the BLM’s New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508, and the BLM’s Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

Jesse J. Juen,
Acting State Director.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Dennis Kubly, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone (801) 524–3715; facsimile (801) 524–3858; e-mail at dkubly@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting will be for the AMWG to discuss previous high flow experiment results and development of a high flow experimental protocol as announced by