

Sec. 19, lots 1 through 4 inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 20, lots 4 and 5, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 30, lots 2 through 4 inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 31, lots 1 through 3 inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 T. 39 S., R. 6 W.,
 Sec. 12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 13, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 Containing 3,581.27 acres more or less.

Consistent with Federal regulations under NEPA and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the BLM must prepare an environmental analysis prior to holding a competitive Federal coal lease sale. The Draft EIS analyzes and discloses to the public the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of issuing a Federal coal lease on the Alton Coal Tract, including mining and transportation of coal to a railhead near Cedar City, Utah. A copy of the Draft EIS has been sent to affected Federal, State, tribal, and local government agencies; persons and entities identified as potentially being affected by a decision to lease the Federal coal in this tract; and persons who indicated to the BLM that they wished to receive a copy of the Draft EIS. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments on the Draft EIS, for the proposed competitive lease sale of the Alton Coal Tract, and on the FMV and MER of the Federal coal.

The Draft EIS analyzes leasing the Alton Coal Tract as the Proposed Action. Under the Proposed Action, a competitive sale would be held and a lease issued for Federal coal in the tract. As part of the coal leasing process, the BLM is evaluating an additional alternative that would remove 394 acres and 6.8 million tons of Federal coal in the tract to minimize impacts in close proximity to the Town of Alton and preserve seasonal Greater sage-grouse habitat. The alternate tract configuration that the BLM is evaluating is described and analyzed as Alternative C in the Draft EIS. Under this alternative, a competitive sale would be held and a lease issued for Federal coal lands included in a tract modified by the BLM. The Draft EIS also analyzes the alternative of rejecting the application to lease Federal coal as the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action and alternatives being considered in the Draft EIS are in conformance with the Kanab Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (2008).

Requests to be included on the mailing list for this project, for copies of the Draft EIS, or to be notified of the dates of the comment period and public hearing may be sent by mail, facsimile, or electronically to the addresses listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. For those submitting comments on the Draft EIS, please make the comments as specific as possible with reference to page numbers and sections of the document. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response; however, they may be considered and included as part of the BLM decision-making process.

The public hearing is being held on the proposed lease sale to allow public comment on, and discussion of, the potential effects of the proposed lease sale and mining and transportation of the coal. The BLM must make determinations of the FMV of the coal in the tract(s) and whether MER of the coal in the tract can be accomplished. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the BLM in response to FMV and MER in this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on FMV and MER, except those 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, Utah State Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Comments on the FMV and MER should be sent to the BLM and should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

1. The quality of the coal resource;
2. The mining methods or methods which would achieve MER of the coal, including specifications of seams to be mined and the most desirable timing and rate of production;
3. Whether this tract is likely to be mined as part of an existing mine and therefore should be evaluated on a realistic incremental basis, in relation to the existing mine to which it has the greatest value;
4. Whether the tract should be evaluated as part of a potential larger mining unit and revaluated as a portion of a new potential mine (i.e., a tract which does not in itself form a logical mining unit);
5. Restrictions to mining that may affect coal recovery;
6. The price that the mined coal would bring when sold;

7. Costs, including mining and reclamation, of producing the coal and the time of production;

8. The percentage rate at which anticipated income streams should be discounted, either with inflation or in the absence of inflation, in which case the anticipated rate of inflation should be given;

9. Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and other tax accounting factors;

10. The value of any surface estate where held privately;

11. Documented information on the terms and conditions of recent and similar coal land transactions in the lease sale area; and

12. Any comparable sales data of similar coal lands; and coal quantities and the FMV of the coal developed by the BLM may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in the market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

Please note that comments and information submitted, including names, street addresses, and email addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the Kanab Field Office (address listed above) during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Juan Palma,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2011 and Notice of Availability of the Detailed Statement of Sale for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2011 in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Alaska State Office hereby notifies the public it will hold an oil and gas lease sale bid opening for select tracts in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The United States reserves the right to withdraw any tract from this sale prior to issuance of a written acceptance of a bid.

DATES: The oil and gas lease sale bid opening will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011. Sealed bids must be received by 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The oil and gas lease sale bids will be opened at the Anchorage Federal Building, Denali Room (fourth floor), 222 W 7th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. Sealed bids must be sent to Carol Taylor (AK932), BLM-Alaska State Office; 222 West 7th Ave. #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted A. Murphy, (907) 271-4413. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All bids must be submitted by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions identified in the Detailed Statement of Sale. They must be received at the BLM-Alaska State Office, *Attn:* Carol Taylor (AK932); 222 West 7th Avenue #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504; no later than 4 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2011.

The Detailed Statement of Sale for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2011 will be available to the public immediately after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The Detailed Statement may be obtained from the BLM-Alaska Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ak>, or by request from the Public Information Center, BLM-Alaska State Office; 222 West 7th Avenue #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504; telephone (907) 271-5960. The Detailed Statement of Sale will include, among other things, a description of the areas to be offered for lease, the lease terms, conditions, special stipulations, required operating procedures, and how and where to submit bids.

Dated: October 5, 2011.

Ted Murphy,
Acting State Director.

Authority: 43 CFR 3131.4-1 and 43 U.S.C. 1733 and 1740.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

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**Ungulate Management Plan/
Environmental Impact Statement,
Great Sand Dunes National Park and
Preserve, CO**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Ungulate Management Plan, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ungulate Management Plan, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Colorado. The purpose of this plan/EIS is to establish a framework for the management of elk, bison, and other ungulates that supports attainment of desired habitat conditions at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and is compatible with conditions and management activities across the broader eastern San Luis Valley landscape. This planning effort is needed to identify desired future habitat conditions on newly acquired park land and future land transfers, using the best available science to guide management decisions and responses to changing conditions. A scoping brochure has been prepared that details the issues identified to date and includes the purpose, need, and objectives of the EIS. Copies of that information may be obtained online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grsa-ungulates> or Great Sand Dunes National Park, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146-9798, (719) 378-6300.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments from the public through January 6, 2012. The National Park Service intends to hold public scoping meetings in locations surrounding the park during the scoping period. Details regarding the exact times and locations of these meetings will be announced online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grsa-ungulates>

and through local media at least 15 days in advance of the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grsa-ungulates> and in the office of the Superintendent, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146-9798, (719) 378-6300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Cordova, Acting Superintendent, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146-9798, (719) 378-6300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment on the purpose, need, objectives, alternatives, or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to GRSA Ungulate Management Plan/EIS, NPS-EQD Academy Place, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225. You may also comment via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grsa-ungulates>. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Superintendent, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146-9798. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 13, 2011.

John Wessels,
*Director, Intermountain Region, National
Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

**Winter Use Plan, Final Environmental
Impact Statement, Yellowstone
National Park, Idaho, Montana, and
Wyoming**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Winter Use Plan, Yellowstone National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone National Park, located in Idaho, Montana, and