Section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations prohibit the "taking" of threatened or endangered species. However, under limited circumstances, we may issue permits to take listed wildlife species incidental to, and not for the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

Availability of Documents

Electronic copies of the final CCAA and final EA will be available on the Service’s LEPC Web site, http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/LPC.html. Alternatively, you may obtain CD-ROMs with electronic copies of these documents by writing to Ms. Dixie Porter, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 East 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129; calling 918–581–7458; or faxing 918–581–7467. Please refer to TET72923A–0 when requesting documents. The final CCAA and final EA also are available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Tulsa address listed above.

Persons wishing to review the application or FONSI may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 1506.8).


Benjamin Tuggle,
Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW181235): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, BLM, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Black Butte Coal Company, c/o AE Coal, LLC, Attn: Jason Russell, 170 South Main Street, Suite 700, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, and BLM, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mavis Love, Law Law Examiner, at 307–775–6258. 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: Black Butte Coal Company has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land adjacent to its Black Butte Coal Mine. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information about the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the Federal Register. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following-described lands in Wyoming:

Sixth Principal Meridian
T. 18 N., R. 100 W., Secs. 14 and 26; Sec. 34, lots 1 to 16, inclusive. T. 19 N., R. 100 W., Secs. 6, lots 8 to 14, inclusive, S1⁄2NE1⁄4, SE1⁄4NW1⁄4, E1⁄2SW1⁄4, and SE1⁄4; Sec. 12; Sec. 18, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, E1⁄2W1⁄2, and E1⁄2; Sec. 20, lots 1 to 16, inclusive; Sec. 24, NE1⁄4, E1⁄2NE1⁄4NW1⁄4, S1⁄2SW1⁄4NW1⁄4, SE1⁄4NW1⁄4, and S1⁄2; Sec. 26, lots 1 to 16, inclusive. T. 18 N., R. 101 W., Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S1⁄2N1⁄2, and S1⁄2. T. 19 N., R. 101 W., Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S1⁄2N1⁄2, and S1⁄2; Secs. 12, 14, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 34. The areas described aggregate 11,468.77 acres.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2–1(c)(1).

Donald A. Simpson, State Director.

Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License Application WYW181235, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Black Butte Coal Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of March 4, 2013, and in the Federal Register. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Black Butte Coal Company, as provided in the ADDRESSES section below, no later than April 3, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following