DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The BLM’s California DAC will hold a public meeting on December 14–15, 2018. The DAC will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands on Friday, December 14, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will meet in formal session on Saturday, December 15, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The December 15 meeting will take place at the Clarion Inn Conference Room, 901 China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Final agendas for the Friday field tour and the Saturday meeting will be posted on the BLM web page at: https://www.blm.gov/site-page/get-involved-rac-near-you-california-california-desert-district. Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting and sent to the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o BLM, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Razo, BLM California Desert District External Affairs, telephone: 951–697–5217, email: srazo@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All DAC meetings are open to the public. The 15-member DAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management on BLM-administered lands in the California Desert District. The agenda will include time for public comment at the beginning and end of the meeting, as well as during various presentations. While the Saturday meeting is tentatively scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the meeting could conclude earlier if the DAC completes its presentations and discussions early. Members of the public interested in a particular agenda item or discussion should schedule their arrival accordingly. The agenda for the Saturday meeting will include information on mining projects, and updates from DAC members, the BLM California Desert District Manager, and DAC subgroups. Written comments will also be accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

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

Beth Ransel, California Desert District Manager.

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Notice of Federal Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Alton Coal Tract, Utah (Coal Lease Application UTU–81985)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the coal resources, in the lands described below, in Kane County, Utah, will be offered for competitive sale, by sealed bid, in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 1:00 p.m. on November 28, 2018. Sealed bids must be received by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah State Office Public Room on or before 10 a.m. on November 28, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held at the BLM Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101–1345.

Sealed bids must be submitted to the Public Room, BLM Utah State Office, same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Jeff McKenzie, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101–1345 or telephone 801–539–4038. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This sale is being held in response to a Lease by Application (LBA) filed by Alton Coal Company LLC. These lands are located in Kane County, Utah, southwest of Alton, Utah. The Federal coal resources to be offered are located in the following described lands:

T. 39 S., R. 5 W., SLM
Sec. 7, SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4;
Sec. 18, lots 3 and 4, NE1/4, E2SW1/4;
Sec. 19, lots 1 to 4, NE1/4, E2SW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, N1/2SE1/2, SE1/4SE1/4;
Sec. 20, lots 4 and 5, N1/2SW1/4.
T. 39 S., R. 6 W., SLM
Sec. 13, SE1/4;
Sec. 24, NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4;
Sec. 25, NE1/4SE1/4.
The area described contains 2,108.71 acres.

The coal in the Alton Tract has one minable coal bed, which is designated as the Smirl seam. This seam is approximately 17 feet thick. The coal bed contains approximately 30.8 million tons of recoverable subbituminous B/High-volatile C bituminous coal. The coal quality in the Smirl coal bed is: 10,120 Btu/lb., 14.79 percent moisture, 7.59 percent ash, 33.68 percent volatile matter, 41.95 percent fixed carbon, and 1.11 percent sulfur.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder, of the highest cash amount provided, that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM’s estimate of the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is $100 per acre or fraction thereof. The minimum bid is not intended to represent FMV. The authorized officer will determine if the bids meet FMV after the sale.