

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER20106311	Aaron Crank; Lucasville, OH.	Copperbelly watersnake (<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>) and eastern massasauga rattlesnake (<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>).	IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release.	New.
PER20208946	Stephanie Schubel; Pellston, MI.	Piping plover (<i>Charadrius melanotos</i>).	IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, band, bio-sample, erect nest exclosures, salvage, captive rear, release.	New.
PER18694675	Jane DeClerck; Mount Healthy, OH.	Clubshell (<i>Pluerobema clava</i>), fanshell (<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>), rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i>) northern rifleshell (<i>Epioblasma rangiana</i>), and longsolid (<i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i>).	IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, relocate due to stranding, salvage.	New.
ES35973D	Alex Patterson; Beckley, WV.	Add new species—Virginia big eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>)—to existing authorized species: Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	Add new states—AL, AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OK, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VT, VA, WI, WY—to existing authorized states: IL, OH, PA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, band, radio transmitter, release.	Renew and amend.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)).

Sean Marsan,

Acting-Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Service, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Implementing Section 50203 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of land available for coal leasing.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 50203 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), enacted on July 4, 2025, the Secretary of the Interior is making available for coal leasing approximately 13,103,000 acres of Federal mineral estate. The OBBBA directs the Secretary of the Interior to make available for coal leasing a minimum of 4,000,000 additional acres

of the Federal mineral estate within 90 days of enactment. This notice identifies the additional acreage that is available for leasing. All future coal lease applications will be subject to existing regulatory requirements that apply to leasing Federal coal.

DATES: Lands identified in this notice are available for coal leasing effective October 2, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Indra Dahal, Deputy Division Chief, Solid Minerals Division, at *idahal@blm.gov* or by phone at (202) 742-0601. For technical or regulatory questions, you may reach out to Thomas Huebner, Coal Program Lead, at *thuebner@blm.gov* or by phone at (307) 775-6195.

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Huebner. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed into law H.R. 1 (Pub. L. 119-21), also known as the OBBBA. Section 50203 of the

OBBBA states that notwithstanding section 2(a)(3)(A) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 201(a)(3)(A)) and section 202(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712(a)), not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall make available for lease known recoverable coal resources of not less than 4,000,000 additional acres on Federal land located in the 48 contiguous States and Alaska subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary, but which shall not include any Federal lands within—

- (1) a National Monument;
- (2) a National Recreation Area;
- (3) a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System;
- (4) a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;
- (5) a component of the National Trails System;
- (6) a National Conservation Area;
- (7) a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System;
- (8) a unit of the National Fish Hatchery System; or
- (9) a unit of the National Park System.

One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Sec. 50203, Public Law 119-21, 139 Stat. 72.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages 248 million surface acres of public land, predominantly in the western United States, and over 700 million subsurface acres of mineral estate nationwide. BLM conducted an analysis to identify lands that could be made available for coal leasing under section 50203. BLM analyzed public lands that it manages, lands where the surface estate is managed by other federal agencies and the subsurface is managed by the BLM, as well as split estate lands where the surface estate is owned by private owners or State or local governments and the subsurface minerals are owned by the federal government and managed by the BLM. This analysis incorporated multiple data

sources, such as United States Geological Survey coal field data, BLM surface management agency data, Federal mineral data, existing authorized coal leases, and the BLM's Land Use Planning data to identify coal resources that were unavailable for coal leasing as of the date of enactment of the OBBBA. The BLM reviewed the areas where there are known coal resources that are currently closed to coal leasing and compared them to the nine exclusions listed in section 50203, areas already under coal lease, areas withdrawn from mineral leasing and other public laws, and mineral estate with surface acres that are under the jurisdiction of other Federal agencies, not including lands, where appropriate, or portions of lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of War, including through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Energy, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to identify acreage that could be made available for coal leasing. Lands were removed in areas around public schools and U.S. Census-designated populated places with 1,000 or more residents. However, the BLM will continue to process leases in these areas through the existing land use planning process, outside of section 50203 of the OBBBA. Additionally, lands were removed from habitat for greater sage grouse, alluvial valley floors, and areas within one quarter of a mile of recreation sites. Finally, the analysis identified the remaining recoverable coal acreage that could be made available for coal leasing.

Although this notice makes the identified areas available for coal leasing, this action does not authorize any coal leasing or coal development, and any future coal leasing is subject to BLM discretion following review of any applications under applicable laws and regulations. The application process for

leasing coal remains unchanged. Interested parties must submit lease applications for leasing coal via the Lease by Application method found in the regulations at 43 CFR 3425.1. The BLM will review each application under the suitability criteria (43 CFR 3461.5) and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, and other statutes. If deemed unsuitable, the application will be rejected or the applicant will be invited to modify the application to meet suitability criteria or show that it falls within an available exemption or exception. Consistent with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, at 30 U.S.C. 201(a)(3)(A)(iii), and 43 CFR 3400.3-1, the BLM must obtain consent from the relevant surface management agency to lease Federal coal in an area in which the surface is managed by another surface management agency and those agencies will follow the laws that apply to the lands they manage and may, in some instances, involve the need for a surface management agency plan amendment.

Lands Made Available for Coal Leasing

The 13,103,000 acres made available by this notice under the authority of section 50203 of the OBBBA are derived from Geographic Information System data and analyses and are intended for general planning and illustrative purposes only. These estimates are approximate and may contain errors or omissions due to limitations in source data, resolution, or processing methods. The following table summarizes the acres made available for coal leasing by BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) or by State (various RMPs). The table presented below rounds down the acreage to the nearest whole number to account for the inaccuracies in the geographic datasets underlying these analyses.

ADDITIONAL ACRES AVAILABLE FOR COAL LEASING

Resource management plan/state	DOI surface management agencies (excluding Bureau of Indian Affairs)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Split-estate (private, state, local)	Total
Four Major RMPs				
Buffalo, WY	400,000 .....	.....	1,700,000	2,100,000
Miles City, MT	1,100,000 .....	.....	5,600,000	6,700,000
North Dakota, ND	30,000	65,000	3,700,000	3,795,000
Rock Springs, WY	100,000 .....	.....	.....	100,000
Various RMPs in Each State				
Colorado	100,000 .....	.....	60,000	160,000
Utah	29,000 .....	.....	19,000	48,000

ADDITIONAL ACRES AVAILABLE FOR COAL LEASING—Continued

Resource management plan/state	DOI surface management agencies (excluding Bureau of Indian Affairs)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Split-estate (private, state, local)	Total
New Mexico	200,000	.....	.....	200,000
Total	1,959,000	65,000	11,079,000	13,103,000

Maps that display lands made available for leasing by this notice under section 50203 of the OBBBA can be found at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/coal/lands-made-available-coal-leasing>.

Katharine Sinclair MacGregor,
Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Amend the Resource Management Plan for the Rock Springs Field Office, Wyoming and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Director intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rock Springs Field Office and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping period to solicit public comments and identify issues, is providing the planning criteria for public review, and is issuing a call for nominations for areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs).

DATES: The BLM requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information and studies, and ACEC nominations by November 3, 2025. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider issues and ACEC nominations raised by commenters in the Draft RMP/

EA, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to Rock Springs RMP Amendment and nominations of new ACECs by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/13853/510>.
- **Email:** blm_wy_rockspringsrmp@blm.gov.
- **Mail:** Rock Springs Field Office 280 Highway 191 N, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/13853/510> and at the Rock Springs Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberlee Foster, Field Manager, telephone 307-352-0201 address 280 Highway 191 N, Rock Springs, WY 82901; email kfoster@blm.gov. Contact Ms. Foster to have your name added to our mailing list. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Foster. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Wyoming State Director intends to prepare an RMP amendment with an associated EA for the Rock Springs RMP Amendment, announces the beginning of the scoping process, seeks public input on issues and planning criteria, and invites the public to nominate ACECs. The RMP amendment would change the existing Rock Springs RMP for actions related to special management and their associated mineral restrictions.

The planning area is located in Sweetwater, Sublette, Lincoln, Fremont,

and Uinta Counties in Wyoming and encompasses approximately 3.6 million acres of public land.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Amendment is to review and revise the Rock Springs RMP consistent with Executive Order 14154, Executive Order 14241, Executive Order 14261, and Secretary's Order 3418. The BLM has determined that the special management designations and their associated mineral restrictions within the field office are inconsistent with recent Executive Orders and need to be reviewed.

Preliminary Alternatives

The BLM Rock Springs Field Office has identified the following preliminary considerations for the development of alternatives: reasonably foreseeable development scenario; habitat, scenic, historic, paleontological, and unique features within the area; and Tribal and cultural values. Within the field office, the BLM currently manages 12 ACECs, 5 Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs), a National Historic Trails (NHT) Corridor, and 13 Wilderness Study Areas. Potential for fluid mineral development was previously determined to be low for much of the special management designated areas; however, new technologies and industry interest have changed over recent years and the reasonably foreseeable development needs to be reevaluated. Additionally, locatable, coal, solid leasables and saleable mineral availability needs to be reviewed in consideration of recent Executive Orders. The BLM will re-evaluate the existing designations for ACECs, SRMAs, and the NHT corridor to assess whether special management is needed to protect sensitive resource values and whether mineral development can be allowed in certain circumstances. New nominations for ACECs will be accepted for further consideration within the planning area.

The BLM welcomes comments on all preliminary alternatives as well as suggestions for additional alternatives.