

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[AK-964-1410-KC-P; F-14832-A, B]

**Alaska Native Claims Selection****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Deloy Ges Incorporated for lands located in the vicinity of Anvik, Alaska, within:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

Lot 1, U.S. Survey No. 4061.  
Tps. 30 and 31 N., R. 58 W.;  
Tps. 28 and 30 N., R. 59 W.

Aggregating 6,081.4 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Tundra Drums.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until March 27, 2006 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Barbara Opp Waldal,**

*Land Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-030-1320-EL, NDM 91535]

**Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, North Dakota****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the coal reserves in the lands described below in Mercer County, North Dakota, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2006. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 10 a.m., March 2, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale will be held in the 920 Conference Room, of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101. Sealed bids clearly marked "Sealed Bid for NDM 91535 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 11 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2006" must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Montana State Office, at the address given above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, or Rebecca Spurgin, Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals, at 406-896-5060 or 406-896-5080, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This sale is being held in response to a lease by application filed by The Coteau Properties Company. The Federal coal resources to be offered consists of all recoverable reserves in the following described lands:

- T. 144 N., R. 88 W., 5th P. M.  
Sec. 2: Lots 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 4: Lots 1, 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 6: Lots 1-7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 8: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
T. 144 N., R. 89 W., 5th P. M.  
Sec. 12: E $\frac{1}{2}$   
T. 145 N., R. 88 W., 5th P. M.  
Sec. 4: Lots 1, 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 10: N $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 14: All  
Sec. 22: All  
Sec. 26: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 28: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 34: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

The 5,333.56-acre tract, located in Mercer County, North

Dakota, contains an estimated 89 million tons of recoverable coal reserves. For NDM 91535, the tract averages 17.3 feet in thickness with an average overburden depth of 117 feet, 6,864 BTU/lb. in heating value and 0.83% sulphur content.

The tracts 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 estimated fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tracts is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return-receipt requested, or be hand-delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 10 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2006, will not be considered.

If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed-bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale Official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof; and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods and 8.0 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods.

Bidding instructions for the tracts offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available at the Montana State Office. Casefile NDM 91535 is also available for public inspection at the Montana State Office.

Dated: January 5, 2006.

**Rebecca Spurgin,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Boise District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.