

introduction of new predators and avian diseases; and (5) developing techniques to safeguard the species from extinction due to random catastrophic events.

The immediate goals of the draft recovery plan are to stop further declines in the range and composition of the nosa Luta population, develop safeguards to prevent the species from going extinct, and restore the population to at least the abundance levels estimated in 1982 (10,000 individuals). In addition to suggesting actions to address the immediate threats to the species, the draft recovery plan calls for research to determine the specific habitat requirements and life history parameters of the nosa Luta to inform long-term management decisions for the effective recovery of the species.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the draft recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment, but you should be aware that we may be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f).

Dated: June 6, 2006.

#### Carolyn A. Bohan,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 106-148, the NCGMP Advisory Committee will meet in Room 3B457 of the John Wesley Powell Building, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA. The Advisory Committee, composed of scientists from Federal Agencies, State Agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, will advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program.

At this meeting, the Advisory Committee will participate in the following efforts:

- An external review of the NCGMP by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- Discussion with the Program Coordinator on the progress of the USGS National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program.

**DATES:** October 11-12, 2006 commencing at 9 a.m. on October 11 and adjourning by early afternoon on October 12.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randall Orndorff, U.S. Geological Survey, 908 National Center, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-4316.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings of the National Cooperative Geological Mapping Program Advisory Committee are open to the Public.

Dated: September 13, 2006.

#### Peter T. Lyttle,

*Acting Associate Director for Geology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW172927]

#### Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Ark Land Company, WYW172927, Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201 (b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3410, all interested qualified parties, as provided in 43 CFR 3472.1, are hereby invited to participate with Ark Land 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 the following-described lands in Campbell County, WY:

T. 42 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
*Sec. 1:* Lots 7 through 10, 15 through 18;  
*Sec. 2:* Lots 5 through 20;

T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
*Sec. 8:* Lots 1 through 16;  
*Sec. 9:* Lots 1 through 16;  
*Sec. 10:* Lots 1 through 16;  
*Sec. 15:* Lots 1 through 16;  
*Sec. 17:* Lots 1 through 16;  
*Sec. 20:* Lots 1 through 4;  
*Sec. 21:* Lots 3, 4.

Containing 4,465.98 acres, more or less.

**DATES:** Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management and Ark Land Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than thirty days after publication of this Notice of Invitation in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW172927): Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Ark Land Company, Attn: Mike Lincoln, P.O. Box 460, Hanna, WY 82327, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Coal Leasing Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to gain additional geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the reserves contained in a potential lease. This Notice of Invitation will be published in The News-Record of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of September 11, 2006, and in the **Federal Register**.