

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the USGS Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. the utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Production Estimate, Construction Sand and Gravel and Crushed and Broken Stone.

Current OMB approval number: 1028-0065.

Abstract: This collection is needed to provide data on mineral production for annual reports published by commodity for use by Government agencies, industry, education programs, and the general public. One publication is the "Mineral Commodity Summaries," the first preliminary publication to furnish estimates covering the previous year's nonfuel mineral industry.

Bureau form numbers: 9-4042-A, 9-4124-A, 9-4142-A.

Frequency: Quarterly and Annually.

Description of respondents: Producers of industrial minerals and metals.

Annual Responses: 2,802.

Annual burden hours: 612.

Bureau clearance officer: Alfred Travnicek, 703-648-7231.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-921-06-1320-EL; COC 67232]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Offering By Sealed Bid, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Lease Application COC 67232.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado State Office, will offer certain coal resources in the B, D/E seams in Gunnison County, Colorado, hereinafter described as Federal coal lease application (LBA) COC 67232 for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions for competitive lease sales in 43 CFR 3422.2(a), and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2007. Sealed bids must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the address indicated below, and must be received on or before 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand delivered sealed bid. Any bid received after the time specified will not be considered and will be returned. The outside of the sealed envelope containing the bid must clearly state that the envelope contains a bid for Coal Lease Sale COC 67232, and is not to be opened before the date and hour of the sale.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the BLM, Colorado State Office, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado. Sealed bids must be submitted, hand delivered or mailed to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Zurek at BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215 or telephone 303-239-3795.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The coal resource to be offered consists of all

recoverable coal reserves to be mined by underground mining methods in the following lands:

T. 13 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 35, lots 5 through 7, inclusive, and lots 9 through 16, inclusive, except lands embraced in coal leases C-1362 and COC 56447, as modified;

Sec. 36, W¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, and W¹/₂SW¹/₄, except lands embraced in coal lease COC 56447, as modified.

T. 14 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 1, lots 3, 4, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄, W¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 2, lots 1 through 4, inclusive, S¹/₂N¹/₂, and S¹/₂;

Sec. 11, N¹/₂N¹/₂;

Sec. 12, N¹/₂NW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄NE¹/₄.

Containing approximately 1,517.13 acres in Gunnison County, Colorado.

Total recoverable reserves are estimated to be 17.3 million tons. The underground mineable coal is ranked as high volatile B bituminous coal. Although other seams are included in the application, only the B and D/E seams are considered mineable. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis for the B and D/E Seams are as follows:

B Seam:	
BTU	11,886 BTU/lb.
Volatile Matter	35.80%
Moisture	8.50%
Fixed Carbon	47.00%
Sulfur Content	0.62%
Ash Content	8.56%
D/E Seam:	
BTU	11,726 BTU/lb
Moisture	10.45%
Sulfur Content	0.46%
Ash Content	6.62%

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid meets the fair market value (FMV) for the tract as determined by the authorized officer after the Sale. The Department of the Interior has established a minimum bid of \$100 per acre or fraction thereof for Federal coal tracts. The minimum bid is not intended to represent FMV. In the event identical high sealed bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up 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.

The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal will be

determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the offered tract are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the Detailed Statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the Colorado State Office at the address given above. The case file is available for inspection in the Public Room, Colorado State Office, during normal business hours at the address given above.

Karen Zurek,

Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-05-1310-DB]

Notice of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for business meetings. Group meetings are open to the public.

DATES: Eleven meeting dates have been set for the following dates: 12-5 December 18, 2006. 9-5 January 25, 8-12 January 26, 2007. 12-5 February 22, 2007. 12-5 March 22, 2007. 12-5 April 26, 2007. 12-5 May 24, 2007. 12-5 June 28, 2007. 12-5 July 26, 2007. 12-5 September 27, 2007. 12-5 October 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meetings are scheduled to be held in the Bureau of Land Management conference room, 432 E. Mill St. Pinedale, WY, 82941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Anderson, BLM/PAWG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St., P.O. Box 738, Pinedale, WY, 82941; 307-367-5328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development

Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field proceeds for the life of the field.

Dated: November 28, 2006.

William Lanning,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-310-1310-PB-24 1A]

Oil and Gas Leasing: Onshore Oil and Gas Operations—Fees, Rentals, and Royalty

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of termination of the stripper well royalty reductions program.

SUMMARY: The termination of benefits for stripper well properties was effective February 1, 2006, and replaced by Section 343 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which was established a Marginal Property Production Incentives Program (MPPIP).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rudy Baier, Division of Fluid Minerals, BLM, (202) 452-5024. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except holidays, for assistance in reaching Mr. Baier.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By **Federal Register** notice (70 FR 42093) dated July 21, 2005, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provided six-month notification, as required by regulation, to terminate the benefits of the royalty rate reductions granted under the stripper well royalty reductions (*see* 43 CFR 3103.4-2) program. In that FR notice, the BLM requested comments specifically on the financial conditions under which the BLM would reestablish the benefits under that program. The BLM received five comments. The comments will be considered if BLM develops a stripper/marginal property replacement program.

The BLM has determined that it will not establish the current program since the MPPIP was established by Congress to take its place until the Secretary of the Interior issues regulations prescribing different relief.

The current regulations authorize royalty rate reduction on a case-by-case basis (*see* 43 CFR 3103.4-1).

Dated: October 19, 2006.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Park Service Benefits-Sharing Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: This notice informs the public that the comment period for the National Park Service Benefits-Sharing Draft Environmental Impact Statement covering all units of the National Park System is extended.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service published a Notice of Availability on September 26, 2006, (71 FR 186) for the National Park Service Benefits-Sharing Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The public comment period was to expire December 15, 2006. This notice extends the public comment period until January 29, 2007.

DATES: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be accepted through January 29, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment on the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> (Select "Washington Office" from the "Choose a park" pick list and then click on the link for "benefits-sharing"), in the office of the National Park Service Associate Director for Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC, and in the office of the Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Mills, Benefits-Sharing EIS, Center for Resources, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190, (307)344-2203, benefitseis@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Benefits-Sharing EIS Team, Center for Resources, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190. You may also comment via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. If you do not receive a confirmation from the