

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

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW154432]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Wyoming**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the North Maysdorf Coal Tract described below in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be reoffered 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 reoffer will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale reoffer will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Robert Janssen, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258, and 307-775-6206, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Cordero Mining Company, Gillette, Wyoming. The North Maysdorf Tract was previously offered on October 18, 2007, and the one bid received at that sale was rejected because it did not meet the BLM's estimate of fair market value. The coal resource to be offered consists of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in central Campbell County, approximately 2 miles east of State Highway 59, 4 miles south of Bishop Road, and is adjacent to the southern lease boundary of the Belle Ayr Mine and the northwest lease boundary of the Cordero Rojo Mine:

T. 47 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 7: Lots 5, 12, 13, 20;
Section 8: Lots 3 through 6, 11 through 13.
 Containing 445.89 acres more or less.

The tract is adjacent to Federal coal leases to the north and east held by the Belle Ayr and Cordero Rojo Mines, respectively. It is adjacent to additional

unleased Federal coal to the west and south. It is also adjacent to about 40 acres of private coal controlled by the Cordero Rojo Mine. All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining. Features such as pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, oil and/or gas wells have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of any future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining or re-established after mining is completed. The surface estate of the tract is owned by Cordero Mining Company, Caballo Rojo, Inc. and Foundation Wyoming Land Company.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mine. On the LBA tract, the Wyodak seam is generally a single seam averaging approximately 70 feet thick. The overburden depths range from 170-360 feet thick on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 54,657,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main Wyodak seam but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. It does not include the adjacent private coal although these reserves are expected to be recovered in conjunction with the LBA. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 3.7:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam mining.

The North Maysdorf LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8586 BTU/lb with about 0.27% sulfur. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the middle of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

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 of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. 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 4 p.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of

the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. 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 payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW154432, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Dated: January 29, 2008.

Larry Claypool,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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[CA-110]

Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council**ACTION:** Notice of public tour.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central California Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will hold a public tour as indicated below.

DATES: The public tour will be held Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Clear Creek Management Area, which comprises 63,000 acres of BLM public lands in southern San Benito and western Fresno counties, California. Members of the public are welcome to attend the tour, but must provide their own transportation and lunch. Those who wish to attend the tour should meet at the Oak Flat Campground, located on Clear Creek Road off Coalinga-Los Gatos Road, at 10 a.m. The tour should conclude at about 4 p.m. The event may be postponed to a later date if there is inclement weather. To confirm the tour will take place as planned, call the BLM Hollister Field Office at (831) 630-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM Hollister Field Office Manager