

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations to fill one position in Category Three, (Elected Official), for Utah's Resource Advisory Council. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1730) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils, which are consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). RACs are found at 43 CFR part 1784.

DATES: BLM will accept public nominations until February 5, 2009. Applicants are requested to submit a completed nomination form and nomination letters to the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; phone (801) 539-4195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council is hosting a call for nominations for the position of Elected Official (representatives of state, county, or local elected office) on the advisory council. Upon appointment, the individual selected to this position will fill the seat until September 19, 2010, the remainder of this position's term. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of Utah. BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision making.

The following must accompany nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interest or organizations;
- A completed background information nomination form; and,
- Any other information that highlights the nominee's qualifications.

Jeff Rawson,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the White Pine Energy Station Final Environmental Impact Statement, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) to authorize granting rights-of-way (ROWs) for the construction of the White Pine Energy Station and eventual disposal of the site, and for the construction and maintenance of ancillary facilities. All ROWs are located in the Egan Field Office management area in White Pine County, Nevada. The Ely District Manager has signed the ROD, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM.

DATES: The availability period for this decision will end January 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available in printed copy or electronic file on compact disc on request from the BLM Manager, Egan Field Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301, or via the Internet at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office. Copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- University of Nevada-Reno, Getchell Library, Government Publication Department, Reno, Nevada.
- Washoe County Library, 301 South Center Street, Reno, Nevada.
- White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada.
- Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

A limited number of copies of the document will be available at the following BLM Nevada offices:

- Elko District Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko.
- Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City.
- Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely.
- Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno.
- Washington Office of Public Affairs, 18th and C Street NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Metcalf, 775-289-1852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three alternatives were analyzed in the final EIS:

(1) Proposed action located 20 miles north of McGill, Nevada;

(2) Alternative plant location, 10 miles north of McGill, Nevada; and

(3) No action alternative, which would be to not authorize the ROW.

The BLM has selected the Proposed Action as its final decision in the ROD. The ROD will approve granting ROWs as described in the Proposed Action including: A coal-fired power plant site ROW and subsequent sale of the 1,281 acre power plant site to the proponent; transmission line alignment and substation ROWs; well field and water line ROWs; a railroad spur ROW; and access road ROWs. Various site-specific, applicant-committed mitigation measures will be implemented at the development stage to protect other resources and uses. Comments on the White Pine Energy Station Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) received from the public and cooperating agencies were addressed in the Final EIS. The comments resulted in text modifications and the addition of new data used in the analysis of impacts in the Final EIS. The ROD for this project addresses only BLM's decisions for public lands and resources administered by BLM.

John F. Ruhs,

District Manager, Ely District Office.

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Adequacy of the Environmental Assessment and Fair Market Value Public Meeting for the Miller Canyon Coal Tract, Emery County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and Call for Public Comment on the Proposed Sale, Adequacy of the Environmental Assessment, Fair Market Value determination and Maximum Economic Recovery consideration for Coal Lease Application UTU-86038.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public meeting on January 21, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Emery City Town Hall, 15 South Center, Emery, Utah, for the proposed competitive sale, of the Miller Canyon coal tract. BLM requests public comment on the fair market value and environmental effects of this tract. BLM is in the process of completing the

Environmental Assessment that will address the environmental effects of mining this tract. The lands included in the delineated Federal coal lease tract ("Miller Canyon") are located in Emery County, Utah, approximately three miles south of Emery, Utah, on private lands with federally administered minerals and are described as follows:

T. 22 S., R. 6 E., SLM, Emery County, Utah
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Approximately 120.00 acres.

Consolidated Coal Company submitted the application for the coal lease. The company plans to mine the coal as an extension from their existing Emery Mine, if the lease is obtained. The Miller Canyon coal tract has one minable coal bed; the I seam bed. The minable portions of the coal bed in this area are around ten feet in thickness. The tract contains more than 560,000 tons of recoverable high-volatile B bituminous coal. The I coal bed may be recoverable but further analysis will be required through the R2P2 review and approval process to make this determination. The coal quality in the I coal bed on an "as received basis" is as follows: 12,180 Btu/lb., 6.1 percent moisture, 8.4 percent ash, 38.9 percent volatile matter, 47.2 percent fixed carbon and 1.1 percent sulfur. The public is invited to the meeting to make public and/or written comments on the environmental implications of leasing the proposed tract, and also to submit comments on the Fair Market Value and the Maximum Economic Recovery of the tract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Federal coal management regulations 43 CFR 3422 and 3425, the public meeting is being held on the proposed sale to allow public comment on and discussion of the potential effects of mining and proposed lease. The meeting is being advertised in the Emery County Progress located in Castle Dale, Utah. 43 CFR 3422 states that, no less than 30 days prior to the publication of the notice of the sale, the Secretary shall submit public comments on the Fair Market Value appraisal and the Maximum Economic Recovery and on factors that may affect these two determinations. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on fair market value and maximum economic recovery, except

those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, during the regular business hours (8 a.m.–4 p.m.) Monday through Friday. Comments on the Fair Market Value and Maximum Economic Recovery should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management and should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information.

1. The quality of the coal resource;
2. The mining methods or methods which would achieve maximum economic recovery of the coal, including specifications of seams to be mined and the most desirable timing and rate of production;
3. Whether this tract is likely to be mined as part of an existing mine and therefore should be evaluated on a realistic incremental basis, in relation to the existing mine to which it has the greatest value;
4. Whether the tract should be evaluated as part of a potential larger mining unit and revaluated as a portion of a new potential mine (*i.e.*, a tract which does not in itself form a logical mining unit);
5. Restrictions to mining that may affect coal recovery;
6. The price that the mined coal would bring when sold;
7. Costs, including mining and reclamation, of producing the coal and the time of production;
8. The percentage rate at which anticipated income streams should be discounted, either with inflation or in the absence of inflation, in which case the anticipated rate of inflation should be given;
9. Depreciation, depletion, amortization and other tax accounting factors;
10. The value of any surface estate where held privately;
11. Documented information on the terms and conditions of recent and similar coal land transactions in the lease sale area;
12. Any comparable sales data of similar coal lands; and coal quantities and the Fair Market Value of the coal developed by BLM may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in the market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

DATES: The public meeting is being held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at the Emery City Town Hall, address 15 South Center, starting at 7 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments on the Fair Market Value and Maximum Economic Recovery must be received by January 16, 2009, and should be addressed to Stan Perkes, 801–539–4036, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Division of Lands and Minerals, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145 or E-mail to Stan_Perkes@blm.gov. Information on the Decision Notice/ Finding of No Significant Impact can be obtained by contacting Mr. Steve Rigby, 435–636–3604.

Dated: December 15, 2008.

Selma Sierra,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet on January 15, 2009, at the BLM National Training Center located at 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Morning agenda items include: Review and approval of the September 18, 2008, meeting minutes for RAC and Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) business; BLM State Director's update on statewide issues; Update on Solar Energy Rights-of-Way Applications and Processing; Presentation on the Healthy Lands Initiative Projects in Arizona; RAC questions on BLM Field Managers' Rangeland Resource Team proposals; and reports by RAC working groups. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on January 15, 2009, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council on BLM programs and business.

Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the RAC has been designated as the RRAC, and has the authority to review all BLM and Forest Service (FS) recreation fee proposals in Arizona. The afternoon meeting agenda