

development, motorized vehicle route designation, and other planning issues raised during the scoping process.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Timothy Z. Smith,**  
Bakersfield Field Manager.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-060-1320-EL, WYW163340]

#### Notice of Availability of the West Antelope II Coal Lease by Application Final Environmental Impact Statement, Wyoming.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the West Antelope II Coal Lease by Application (LBA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The tract is being considered for sale as a result of a coal lease application received from the operator of the adjacent Antelope Mine in Campbell and Converse Counties, Wyoming.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the West Antelope II Coal LBA FEIS within 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [casper\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:casper_wymail@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 307-261-7587.
- *Mail:* Casper Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Sarah Bucklin, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604.

Copies of the FEIS are available at the following BLM office locations: BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and BLM Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Lane, Casper, Wyoming 82604. The FEIS is available electronically on the following Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/cfdocs/West\\_Antelope\\_II.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/cfdocs/West_Antelope_II.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Bucklin or Mike Karbs at the BLM Casper Field Office address above or telephone 307-361-7600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS analyzes and discloses to the public direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of issuing a Federal coal lease in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin. The BLM is considering a coal lease issuance as a result of an April 6, 2005, application submitted by Antelope Coal Company (Antelope) to lease Federal coal near the Antelope Mine approximately 50 miles north of Douglas, Wyoming.

The applicant proposes to lease the tract as a maintenance tract to extend the life of the existing mining operations at the Antelope Mine under the provisions of the Leasing on Application regulations at 43 CFR subpart 3425. This tract, case number WYW163340, is referred to as the West Antelope II tract.

The following lands in Campbell and Converse Counties, Wyoming, are included in the tract as applied for:

- T. 40 N., R. 71 W., 6th PM, Wyoming
  - Section 5: Lot 18;
  - Section 8: Lots 1 through 3, 6 through 11, 14 through 16;
  - Section 9: Lots 2 through 16;
  - Section 10: Lots 5, 6, 11 through 14.
- T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th PM, Wyoming
  - Section 9: Lots 9 through 16;
  - Section 10: Lots 11 through 15;
  - Section 14: Lots 3 and 4;
  - Section 15: Lots 1 through 5, 12, 13;
  - Section 20: Lots 14 through 16;
  - Section 21: Lots 1 through 16;
  - Section 22: Lots 2, 7, 8, 14 through 16;
  - Section 27: Lots 6 through 11;
  - Section 28: Lots 1 through 8;
  - Section 29: Lots 1 through 3, 6 through 8.

Containing 4,108.6 acres more or less.

Antelope estimates that approximately 429.7 million tons of Federal coal are included in the tract for which they applied. The Office of

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), the USDA-Forest Service, the Land Quality and Air Quality Divisions of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), and the Converse County Board of Commissioners are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the FEIS. If the tract is leased as a maintenance tract, the new lease will be incorporated into the existing mining and reclamation plan for the adjacent mine. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) must approve the revision to the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) mining plan before the Federal coal can be mined. If the tract is leased, the OSM is the Federal agency that would be responsible for recommending approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval of the revised MLA mining plan to the Office of the Secretary. The WDEQ has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary to regulate surface coal mining operations on Federal and non-Federal lands within the State of Wyoming.

On October 17, 2006, the BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for the West Antelope II coal lease application in the **Federal Register**. A notice announcing the availability of the Draft EIS (DEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** by the EPA on February 8, 2008. A 60-day comment period on the DEIS commenced with publication of the EPA's notice of availability and ended on April 8, 2008. The BLM published a Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearing in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2008. The BLM's **Federal Register** notice announced the date and time of a public hearing, which was held on March 24, 2008, in Douglas, Wyoming. The purpose of the hearing was to solicit comments on the DEIS, fair market value, and the maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. Four statements were given as testimony at the public hearing; they are summarized in an appendix in the FEIS. During the DEIS comment period, the BLM received 14 comment letters, included in an appendix to the FEIS with BLM's responses to the comments. The FEIS analyzes leasing the West Antelope II coal tract as-applied-for as the Proposed Action. Under the Proposed Action, a competitive sale would be held and a lease issued for Federal coal in the tract as applied for by Antelope. As part of the coal leasing process, the BLM identified an alternative tract configuration to assure the maximum economic recovery of the coal, avoid isolating or bypassing marketable coal, and potentially prompt

competitive interest in the unleased Federal coal for this area. The alternate tract configuration that BLM has identified is described and analyzed as a separate alternative in the FEIS. Under this alternative, a competitive sale would be held and a lease would be issued for Federal coal lands included in a tract modified by the BLM. The FEIS also analyzes the alternative of rejecting the application to lease Federal coal as the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action and alternatives being considered in the FEIS are in conformance with the Approved Resource Management Plan for Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management Buffalo Field Office (2001), the Bureau of Land Management Casper Field Office Resource Management Plan (2007), and the USDA-Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plan for the Thunder Basin National Grassland (2002). A Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared after the close of the 30-day review period for the FEIS. Comments received on the FEIS will be considered during preparation of the ROD.

Four copies of the FEIS will be included on the mailing list for this project. Please make requests for copies in writing, by facsimile, or electronically to the addresses listed at the beginning of this notice. The BLM asks that those submitting comments on the FEIS make them as specific as possible with reference to page numbers and chapters of the document. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response; however, they will be considered as part of the BLM decision-making process. Please note that comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the BLM Casper Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Martin G. Griffith,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Meeting Notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (JDSRAC)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (JDSRAC).

**SUMMARY:** At the JDSRAC meeting, we will welcome a new member, agree on its annual plan of work for 2009, elect new officers, and conduct the regular business of keeping member representatives informed about Federal actions. The meeting may include such topics as John Day Resource Management Plan, Wallowa-Whitman Weed Management, Forest and BLM Resource Management Planning, Restoration of the Lower Snake River, Transportation Planning, and other matters as may reasonably come before the council.

**DATES:** The JDSRAC meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2009. The meeting will take place at the Oxford Suites, 2400 SW Court, Pendleton, Oregon, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public. Public comment is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. (Pacific Time) February 26, 2008. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Council members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Mark Wilkening, Public Affairs Officer, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, (541) 473-6218 or e-mail [mark\\_wilkening@blm.gov](mailto:mark_wilkening@blm.gov).

Dated: January 14, 2009.

**David R. Henderson,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[ID-957-1420-BJ]**

#### Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Filing of Plats of Surveys.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has officially filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Idaho State Office, Boise, Idaho, effective 9:00 a.m., on the dates specified.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709-1657.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management to meet their administrative needs. The lands surveyed are:

The plat constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of portions of the south boundary and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 35, T. 15 S., R. 35 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1249, was accepted July 2, 2008.

The plat constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and the subdivision of section 17 (the E. and W. center line), T. 9 S., R. 28 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1253, was accepted July 2, 2008.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the north and east boundaries and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 1, in T. 47 N., R. 4 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1246, was accepted July 16, 2008.

The supplemental plat, of section 17, T. 2 N., R. 43 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was prepared to show new lots, was accepted August 12, 2008.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the north boundary and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 4, T. 5 S., R. 12 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1244, was accepted August 28, 2008.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the east boundary and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 12 and the metes-and-bounds survey of the line between lots 6 and 7, section 12, T. 6 S., R. 17 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1259, was accepted August 29, 2008.

The plat constituting the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivision of section 2, T. 6 S., R. 8 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group Number 1262, was accepted September 4, 2008.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the Tenth Standard Parallel North (south boundary), subdivisional lines, portions