

(1) Deputy Director, Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination.

(2) Director, Office of Labor Relations. These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his/hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

### Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes any previous Order of Succession published by the Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination.

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: October 4, 2011.

**Inez Banks-Dubose,**  
Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Call for Nominations for Steens Mountain Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests public nominations for five persons to serve on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council. Citizens who serve on this council provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area. The BLM will accept public nominations for 30 days after the publication of this notice.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received no later than November 16, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send completed Advisory Council nominations to BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738-9424. Nomination forms are also available at the BLM Burns District Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Martinak, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738-9424, 541-

573-4519, or e-mail [tmartina@blm.gov](mailto:tmartina@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Positions currently open or with terms expiring in 2011 include: A member of the Burns Paiute Tribe; a person who is a recognized environmental representative from the local area; a person with expertise and interest in wild-horse management on Steens Mountain; a person who is a grazing permittee on Federal lands in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA); a person who participates in what is commonly called dispersed recreation, such as hiking, camping, nature viewing, nature photography, bird watching, horseback riding, or trail walking; and a person who has no financial interest in the CMPA to represent statewide interests. The Obama Administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils.

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council was initiated on August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-399). The Steens Mountain Advisory Council provides representative counsel and advice to the BLM and formulates recommendations to the BLM regarding new and unique approaches to management of the land within the bounds of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area; and regarding cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs and maintain and improve the ecological and economic integrity of the Area.

**Michael Mottice,**

*Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### 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 South Hilight Field Coal Tract described below in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale 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, Wyoming 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 Kathy Muller Ogle, 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 Ark Land Company, St. Louis, Missouri. The coal resource to be offered consists of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following described lands located 2 to 5 miles south of State Highway 450 and east of the Burlington Northern/Union Pacific main line railroad.

T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th Principal Meridian  
Sec. 23, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;  
Sec. 26, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;  
Sec. 35, lots 1 through 16, inclusive.

Containing 1,976.69 acres, more or less, in Campbell County, Wyoming.

The tract is adjacent to the southern and western lease boundary of the Black Thunder Mine. The tract is adjacent to Federal leases to the east and north controlled by the Black Thunder mine as well as an adjacent State of Wyoming lease also controlled by the Black Thunder mine. It is adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the west and south.

Most of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining. The acreage coincident with the main line railroad right-of-way along the western boundary of the tract is not suitable for mining. Features such as utilities and pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, numerous producing coal bed natural gas wells have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of the future production from these wells and the successful coal lessee's interaction with gas producers regarding any pre-existing rights of such producers. An economic analysis of this future income stream will consider reasonable compensation for lost production when the wells are bought out since mining will eliminate the gas reservoir. Some of the surface estate of the tract is owned by Thunder Basin Coal Company, but most of the surface is part of the Thunder Basin National Grassland managed by the United States Forest Service.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak-Anderson coal zone currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mine. On the LBA tract, there are generally two recoverable seams, the shallower Upper Wyodak and the deeper Middle Wyodak. The Upper Wyodak is found in the northern third of the LBA and averages about 13 feet thick. The Middle Wyodak is the primary coal seam and is continuous over the entire LBA. It varies from 67 feet to 75 feet thick. The interburden between the Upper and Middle Wyodak seams varies in thickness from 41 feet to 118 feet. There are up to three thin seams that split from the bottom of the Middle Wyodak which are generally mineable only when they are merged with the Middle Wyodak seam. Overburden depths to the top of the Upper Wyodak seam range from about 170 feet to 400 feet on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 222,676,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes both of the seams mentioned above but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. The estimated reserve excludes coal within and along the railroad right-of-way as required by typical mining practices. The total mineable stripping ratio of the coal in bank cubic yards per ton is approximately 4.2:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The South Hilight Field LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis

is 9,011 British Thermal Units per pound containing approximately 0.27 percent sulfur. These quality averages place the coal reserves at the high end 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 BLM Wyoming State Office Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 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 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by surface mining methods. No coal is to be mined by underground methods since the only coal resources to be offered are those coal resources recoverable by surface mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

This LBA was initiated before the case-by-case cost recovery fees at 43 CFR 3473.2(f) became effective. Therefore, case-by-case processing fees are not applicable to this lease sale. See 43 CFR 3000.10(d).

Bidding instructions for the LBA tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the address above. Case file documents, WYW174596, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

**Donald A. Simpson,**  
*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Little Snake Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

**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)/Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Little Snake Field Office located in northwest Colorado. The Colorado State Director signed the ROD in October 2011, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD/Approved RMP are available upon request from the Little Snake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 455 Emerson St., Craig, Colorado 81625 or at the following Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lso/plans/rmp\\_revision.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lso/plans/rmp_revision.html). Copies of the ROD are also available for public inspection at the following location: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Matt Anderson, Associate Field Manager/RMP Project Manager, Little Snake Field Office, telephone (970) 826-5000, at the address above, or e-mail:

[m40ander@blm.gov](mailto:m40ander@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area is located in northwest Colorado in Moffat, Routt, and Rio Blanco counties. The plan provides management decisions on approximately 1.3 million acres of BLM-administered public lands and 1.1 million acres of BLM-administered subsurface mineral estate.

The Little Snake Field Office has worked extensively with interested and affected groups, individuals and cooperating agencies to develop the ROD/RMP. Cooperating agencies