

proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items warrant submission by the United States for consideration by the Parties. Approximately 4 months prior to CoP16, we will post on our Web site an announcement of the species proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP16.

Through a series of additional notices and Web site postings in advance of CoP16, we will inform you about preliminary negotiating positions on resolutions, decisions, and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at CoP16. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting to be held approximately 3 months prior to CoP16; that meeting will enable us to receive public input on our positions regarding CoP16 issues. The procedures for developing U.S. documents and negotiating positions for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES are outlined in 50 CFR 23.87. As noted in paragraph (c) of that section, we may modify or suspend the procedures outlined there if they would interfere with the timely or appropriate development of documents for submission to the CoP and of U.S. negotiating positions.

#### Author

The primary author of this notice is Mary Cogliano, Ph.D., Division of Scientific Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 30, 2012.

**Daniel M. Ashe,**  
*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[F-14839-A, F-14839-A2; LLAk965000-L14100000-KC0000-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to Kongnikilnomuit Yuita Corporation.

The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Kongnikilnomuit Yuita Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Bill Moore's Slough, Alaska, and are located in:

#### Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 33 N., R. 74 W.,  
Sec. 3.  
Containing 530.14 acres.

T. 33 N., R. 75 W.,  
Sec. 5.  
Containing 40 acres.

T. 32 N., R. 76 W.,  
Sec. 10.  
Containing 40 acres.  
Aggregating 610.14 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Delta Discovery*.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until May 11, 2012 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at [ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@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 BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM.

The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**Jennifer Noe,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AA-9349; LLAk-965000-L14100000-HY0000-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to Calista Corporation. The decision will approve conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The lands are located north of Mountain Village, Alaska, and contain 3.11 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until May 11, 2012 to file an appeal.

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**Dina L. Torres,**

*Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Branch of Land Transfer Adjudication II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain coal reserves in the Elk Creek East Tract described below in Gunnison County, Colorado, 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., May 15, 2012. The sealed bid must be submitted on or before 10 a.m., May 15, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale will be held in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kurt Barton, Land Law Examiner, at 303-239-3714, or [kbarton@blm.gov](mailto:kbarton@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:** This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Oxbow Mining, LLC. The Federal coal

reserves to be offered consist of all D seam reserves recoverable by underground mining methods in the following described lands located in Gunnison County, Colorado:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 13 S. R. 90 W.,

Sec. 3, lots 8, 9, and 16;

Sec. 4, lots 5 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 5, lots 12, 13, 20, and 24.

Containing approximately 725.90 acres, more or less.

The tract contains an estimated 3.96 million tons of recoverable coal reserves. The underground minable coal is ranked as bituminous B coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis for the seam is as follows:

#### D SEAM:

British Thermal Unit (BTU).	12,005 BTU/lb.
Volatile Matter .....	34.72%
Moisture .....	7.47
Fixed Carbon .....	45.87
Sulfur Content .....	0.67
Ash Content .....	11.27

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. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return-receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above and clearly marked "Sealed Bid for COC-70615 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m., May 15, 2012." The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 10 a.m., May 15, 2012, will not be considered. If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed 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.

Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay to the BLM the cost recovery fees in the amount of \$10,347.10 in addition to all processing costs the BLM incurs after the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2).

A 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 payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods.

Bidding instructions for the LBA tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale and available from the BLM Colorado State Office at the address above. Case file documents, COC-70615, are available for inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office Public Room.

**Steven Hall,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Amend the Resource Management Plan for the Rawlins Field Office and Associated Environmental Assessment, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rawlins Field Office (RFO), Rawlins, Wyoming, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the RFO and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP amendment with associated EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until May 11, 2012. The dates and locations of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/rawlins.html>. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation, as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Rawlins RMP Visual Resource