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- *Mail:* BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Humboldt River Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathleen Rehberg, telephone 775-623-1500; address BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445; email [krehberg@blm.gov](mailto:krehberg@blm.gov). Contact Ms. Rehberg to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 applicant, Coeur Rochester Inc. has requested to modify its approved Plan of Operations at the Rochester and Packard mines to expand its mining operations. The mine is located approximately 26 miles northeast of Lovelock, Nevada. The mine is currently authorized to disturb up to 2203.1 acres (approximately 164.6 acres of private land and 2038.5 acres of public land), as permitted under a series of Environmental Impacts Statements and Environmental Assessments beginning with the initial Plan of Operations in 1986 through the latest EIS in 2015. Coeur Rochester Inc. is proposing to expand and optimize their current operations. Their proposed action would expand mining in both of their current pits (the Rochester and Packard pits) and move, relocate, or expand: Heap leach pads, waste rock dumps, haul roads, access road, water pipeline, and processing facilities. The proposal would increase disturbance by 2,815.4 acres (435.2 acres on private land and 2380.2 acres on public land).

Mining of the Rochester Pit would extend below groundwater and require dewatering, resulting in a permanent pit lake after closure. Additional potentially acid generating material would be excavated and would be processed as ore or stored according to their Waste Rock Storage Plan. The plan would also

necessitate an upgrade in power distribution lines and a substation. With the proposed expansion, mine life would be extended to 2033, and would be followed by mine closure and reclamation.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: (a) Dewatering during mining and the formation of a pit lake after completion of mining activities; (b) Production of acid forming rock and to waters of the state and public lands; (c) Potential impacts to visual resources; (d) Potential impacts to wildlife habitat; and (e) Potential impacts to the Rochester Historic Mining district.

The BLM will use the procedures for public involvement under the NEPA process to also satisfy the public involvement requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, Secretarial Order 3317, and other policies. Tribal concerns, including but not limited to impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Coeur Rochester and Packard Mines Plan of Operations—POA11 Project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be asked by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[MTM 952800; 3720-58]

**Legal Description of the Limestone Hills Training Area Withdrawal, Montana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of legal description.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides official publication of the legal description for the Limestone Hills Training Area (LHTA) Withdrawal and notification of the availability of the map dated May 11, 2017.

**DATES:** The lands in the legal description contained in this notice were withdrawn on December 26, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mike Insko, Realty Specialist, telephone: 406-533-7600; email: [minko@blm.gov](mailto:minko@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for Mr. Insko. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2912(a)(1) of Public Law 113-66, enacted December 26, 2013, and known as the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 (FY2014 NDAA), withdrew lands in the LHTA for military purposes based on a map dated April 10, 2013. The FY2014 NDAA required the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to publish the official legal description of the lands in the **Federal Register** as soon as practicable after enactment of the legislation. The BLM could not use the April 10, 2013, map to create a legal description without an on-the-ground cadastral survey, and agreed to correct the map. Section 2850 of Public Law 115-232, enacted August 13, 2018, and known as the NDAA for FY 2019 (FY2019 NDAA), references an updated map dated May 11, 2017, as a technical correction and the basis for the legal description.

The legal description of the withdrawal for the LHTA is as follows:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 5 N., R. 1 E.,

Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2.  
 T. 6 N., R. 1 E.,  
 Sec. 2, lots 2, 3, and 4, W1/2SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4;  
 Sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and S1/2;  
 Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and S1/2;  
 Sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, S1/2NE1/4, and SE1/4;  
 Sec. 8, E1/2 and E1/2SW1/4;  
 Secs. 9 and 10;  
 Sec. 11, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4;  
 Sec. 12, lots 2, 3, and 4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;  
 Sec. 13, lots 1 thru 4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;  
 Secs. 14 and 15;  
 Sec. 17, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, and E1/2SW1/4;  
 Sec. 20, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, and E1/2SW1/4;  
 Sec. 21;  
 Sec. 22, lots 3 and 4, W1/2NW1/4, and S1/2SW1/4;  
 Sec. 23;  
 Sec. 24, lots 1 thru 4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;  
 Sec. 25, lots 1 thru 4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;  
 Sec. 26;  
 Sec. 27, lots 1 thru 9, NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, and SE1/4;  
 Sec. 28, lots 1 thru 4, N1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;  
 Sec. 29, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;  
 Sec. 33, E1/2;  
 Sec. 34, lots 1 thru 8, NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4;  
 Sec. 35, lots 1 thru 4, N1/2, N1/2SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4.  
 T. 7 N., R. 1 E.,  
 Sec. 26, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2SW1/4NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4NW1/4, and S1/2;  
 Sec. 27, lots 6, 7, and 8, S1/2SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;  
 Sec. 28, SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4SW1/4SW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4;  
 Sec. 32, lots 1 and 6, NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2SE1/4NW1/4NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4SW1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, and E1/2SE1/4;  
 Secs. 33, 34, and 35.  
 T. 6 N., R. 2 E.,  
 Sec. 17, S1/2SW1/4;  
 Sec. 18, lot 4, SE1/4SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;  
 Sec. 19, lots 1, 2, and 3;  
 Sec. 19, E1/2NE1/4 and SE1/4 (minerals only);  
 Sec. 20, W1/2;  
 Sec. 30, lots 2, 3, and 4, NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;  
 Sec. 30, NW1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4NW1/4 (minerals only).  
 The lands described aggregate 18,962.72 acres, including 18,642.72 acres of public

domain and 320 acres of Federal reserved mineral estate.

The FY14 NDAA withdrew the lands on December 26, 2013, from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights except as otherwise provided for under Sections 2931–2936 of the FY2014 NDAA.

Copies of the legal description and map as corrected under Section 2850 of the FY2019 NDAA are available for public inspection in the following offices:

BLM, Attn: Celeste Mitchell (WO350), 20 M Street SE, Washington, DC 20003–3503.

BLM, Montana/Dakotas State Office (954), 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101.

BLM, Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District Real Estate Division, 4735 E. Marginal Way S., Bldg 1202, Seattle, WA 98134.

Montana Army National Guard, Public Affairs Office, 1956 Mt Majo Street, Fort Harrison, Montana 59636–4789.

Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1000.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License Application UTU–93299, Sanpete County, Utah**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of invitation.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, the BLM invites all interested, qualified parties to participate with Canyon Fuel Company, LLC (CFC) on a pro rata cost sharing basis for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sanpete County, Utah.

**DATES:** CFC published a notice of invitation to participate in this coal

exploration license once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Pyramid Newspaper in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, dated May 31, 2018, and June 7, 2018, and by virtue of this announcement in the **Federal Register**. Any party seeking to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to the BLM and CFC, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than April 5, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration license application and exploration plan are available for review from 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays (serialized under the number of UTU–93299) in the State Office public room at 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The written notice to participate in the exploration program must be sent to Kent Hoffman, BLM Utah State Office, Division of Lands and Minerals, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, and to Paul Jensen, Canyon Fuel Company LLC., c/o Skyline Mine, HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stan Perkes by telephone (801) 539–4036, or by email: [sperkes@blm.gov](mailto:sperkes@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM authorizes coal exploration on lands not contained in a federal coal lease per the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended. This BLM coal exploration program allows the public a methodology to gain geologic information to determine the viability of the coal resources. The BLM issues the licenses for up to two years. If the holder requires more time for the exploration, the BLM can issue a new license based on a new application. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410.2 require the publication of an invitation for interested parties to participate in the coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The BLM may require a modification to the exploration plan to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate. The proposed exploration area includes the following described lands in Sanpete County, Utah:

**Salt Lake Meridian, Utah**

T. 14 S., R. 6 E.,  
 Sec. 8, NE1/4;