

The various impacts that would be expected from implementing each of the alternatives are also presented in the EA. The BLM's preferred alternative is alternative 2. Continuing existing management on the planning review area and pursuing a mineral withdrawal under the 1872 Mining Law for the 260-acre known fossil concentration areas represents what the BLM believes to be the best balance between the public land and resource uses and environmental protection in the planning review area. Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the EA, it has been determined that anticipated impacts of the preferred alternative are not significant and an environmental impact statement is not needed.

At the end of the comment/protest period, the decisions based on the planning review will be issued in the Decision Record for the EA. Any necessary amendment to the Washakie RMP will be included in the Decision Record. The 30-day review/comment/protest period will begin the day following the date of publication of the NOA of this EA in the Federal Register. Comments on the alternatives, the adequacy of the environmental analyses, the FONSI, and any protests on the proposed decision will be fully considered and evaluated in development of the decision record. Any protests submitted will also be resolved before BLM issues the decision record for the EA, and the Washakie Resource Management Plan will be amended, if necessary.

Dated: January 10, 1996.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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[MT-027-1320-00, MTM 83859]

Notice of Intent to Plan; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Miles City District, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct scoping and prepare an environmental analysis on the proposed lease tracts.

SUMMARY: On November 9, 1995, Spring Creek Coal Company filed an amended lease application, MTM 83859, for federal coal resources within the Powder River Coal Region. The land included in the application is located in Big Horn County, Montana and is described as follows:

T. 8 S., R. 39 E., P.M.M.
Sec. 22: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 25: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 26: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
T. 8 S., R. 40 E., P.M.M.
Sec. 30: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The 320.00 acre tract contains an estimated 37.8 million tons of recoverable coal reserves.

An environmental analysis will be prepared to analyze the proposed lease of the federal coal resource and the reasonably foreseeable consequences of this action as well as the impacts of development of the coal.

This document will amend the Powder River Resource Area Resource Management Plan. It will be based on the existing statutory requirements and will meet the requirements of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties including federal, state and local agencies are invited to participate in the environmental analysis scoping process. The scoping period will begin immediately and will end March 15, 1996.

The following issues and concerns have been identified:

- Possible impacts to the hydrologic resources;
- Potential for social and economic impacts to the area;
- Potential redesignation of crucial winter range for deer and antelope from unsuitable for mining to suitable for mining with stipulations;
- Cultural resources and traditional lifeway values;
- The level of environmental documentation necessary (EA or EIS).

The public is encouraged to present their ideas and views on these and other issues and concerns. All issues and concerns will be considered in the preparation of the environmental analysis.

The scoping process used to collect issues and concerns will involve one public meeting and a written comment period. The written comment period will begin immediately and will close on March 15, 1996. The public meeting will be held February 29, 1996, at 7 p.m. at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, 335 West Alger Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All comments and requests for further information should be addressed to Todd Christensen, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Powder River Resource Area, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, telephone number (406) 232-4331.

Glenn A. Carpenter,

District Manager.

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting, notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the third meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting will be held February 22-23, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the New Mexico Room at the Bureau of Land Management's National Training Center, 9828 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85051. The agenda items to be covered at this meeting include review of previous meeting minutes, standards and guidelines work group report, update on Arizona Preservation Initiative, discussion of recreation travel, tourism, and public relations working group, presentation of Lower Gila Resource Management Plan Amendment, Phoenix District, and public comment period which will take place at 3:30 p.m. February 22, 1996, and 11:30 a.m., February 23, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clinton Oke, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 3707 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Arizona 85014, (602) 650-0512.

Denise P. Meridith,

State Director.

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Helicopters and Motorized Vehicles Use for Gathering Wild Horses and Burros; Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: A public hearing on the use of helicopters in wild horse management activities will be held at the Jeffrey Center in Rawlins, Wyoming. **DATES:** February 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Jeffrey Center, Third and Spruce, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt Kotter, District Manager and Hearing Officer, Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins District Office, 1300 Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will be limited to:

- Introduction and Opening Remarks
- Review of the Wild Horse Management Plan.
- Use of Helicopters in the Plan.
- Film presentation of roundup activity.
- Public comment period.

The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements on the subject. All statements will be recorded.

Kurt J. Kotter,
District Manager.

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Correction of Meeting Notice: Change in Time

AGENCY: Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction of meeting notice: Change in time.

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will discuss and develop draft statewide standards for rangeland health and guidelines for managing livestock grazing on public lands.

DATES: January 25, 1996.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. rather than at 8 a.m. as previously published. A public comment period will be held at 7:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Jerry L. Kidd,
District Manager.

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[NM-931-06-1020-00]

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, announces the meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The two day agenda includes a half day field trip to examine a potash mine and oil and gas resources, standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management discussions, a time for the public to address the RAC and for the next RAC meeting development of a draft agenda, selection of a location and a date to meet. The meeting is open to the public. During the time for the public to address the RAC depending on the number of persons wishing to talk and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. The public may present written comments to the Council.

The RAC meeting will start with a tour of a potash mine and oil and gas resources from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 8, 1996. After lunch at approximately 2 p.m. the RAC meeting will continue at the Motel Stevens, 1829 South Canal, Carlsbad, New Mexico, Telephone 505-887-2851. The RAC will discuss standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management for the remainder of the day. Starting at 8:30 a.m. on February 9, 1996 RAC meeting will continue with standards and guidelines discussion. There will be a time period starting at 9:30 a.m. for the public to address the RAC. At the completion of the public presentations the RAC will continue discussion on standards and guidelines.

DATES: The RAC will meet on Thursday, February 8, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, February 9, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public may address the Council during the public comment period on February 9, 1996 starting at 9:30 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Armstrong, New Mexico State Office, Policy and Planning Team, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standard for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: January 12, 1996

William C. Calkins,

State Director.

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Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 1996 in Grand Junction, Colorado.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Lynda Boody, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3000; TDD (970) 244-3011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is scheduled to begin Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference room at the Bureau of Land Management office, 2815 H Road Grand Junction, CO 81506. The agenda for this meeting will focus on general Council business, standards and guidelines for grazing, and selection of a Council member to fill a vacated position.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.

Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: January 10, 1996.

Mark T. Morse,

Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.

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