

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 29, 2017.

**Sean O. Marsan,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. ONRR-2012-0003, DS63600000 DR2000000.PMN000 178D0102R2]

**Royalty Policy Committee; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the first meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee). This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, in Washington, DC, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee meeting will be held in the South Penthouse of the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building located at 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Members of the public may attend in person or view documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at <http://bit.ly/1cR9W6t> and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-888-455-2910 or International Toll number 210-839-8953 (passcode: 7741096).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue at (202) 513-0370 or email to [rpc@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rpc@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of the Interior established the Committee on April 21, 2017, under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure that the public receives the full value of the natural resources produced from Federal lands. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature. More information about the Committee, including its charter, is available at [www.doi.gov/rpc](http://www.doi.gov/rpc).

*Meeting Agenda:* At the October 4, 2017 meeting, the Committee may discuss and agree on first-year priority issues and establish goals; adopt a

timeline for future meetings and actions to be taken in order to achieve Committee goals; and finalize subcommittee tasks and membership. The final agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the Committee Web site at [www.doi.gov/rpc](http://www.doi.gov/rpc). All Committee meetings are open to the public.

Whenever possible, we encourage those participating by telephone to gather in conference rooms in order to share teleconference lines. Please plan to dial into the meeting and/or log into WebEx at least 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to avoid possible technical difficulties. We will accommodate individuals with special needs whenever possible. If you require special assistance (such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired), please notify Interior staff in advance of the meeting at 202-513-0370 or email to [rpc@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rpc@ios.doi.gov).

We will post the minutes from these proceedings on the Committee Web site at [www.doi.gov/rpc](http://www.doi.gov/rpc) and they will also be available for public inspection and copying at our office at the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building in Washington, DC, by contacting Interior staff via email to [rpc@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rpc@ios.doi.gov) or via telephone at 202-513-0370.

Members of the public may choose to make a public comment during the designated time for public comments. Members of the public may also choose to submit written comments by mailing them to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Attention: RPC, 1849 C Street NW., MS 5134, Washington DC 20240. You also can email your written comments for Kim Oliver to [rpc@ios.doi.gov](mailto:rpc@ios.doi.gov). Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record.

**Public Disclosure Of Comments:** 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 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.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: August 28, 2017.

**Vincent DeVito,**

*Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of the Secretary**

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**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council's Public Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** September 28, 2017, at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Glenn Olds Hall Conference Room, 4210 University Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Philip Johnson, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EVOS Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The EVOS Public Advisory Committee meeting agenda will include review of the FY18 Work Plan of EVOS Trustee Council Restoration, Research, and Monitoring Projects; FY18 EVOS Trustee Council Annual Budget; and Habitat matters, as applicable. An opportunity for public comments will be provided. The final agenda and materials for the meeting will be posted on the EVOS Trustee Council Web site at [www.evostc.state.ak.us](http://www.evostc.state.ak.us). All EVOS Public Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

**Public disclosure of comments:** Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

**Michaela Noble,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*

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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 WYW185631, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Bridger Coal Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

**DATES:** This notice of invitation will be published in the *Rock Springs Rocket-Miner* once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of September 1, 2017. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Bridger Coal Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than October 2, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW185631): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and, BLM, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Bridger Coal Company, c/o Interwest Mining Co., Attn: Scott M. Child, 1407 W. North Temple, #310, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 and the BLM Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Jackie Madson, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Madson, Land Law Examiner, at 307-775-6258 or [jmadson@blm.gov](mailto:jmadson@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 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:** Bridger Coal Company has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land to the northwest of the Jim Bridger power plant and underground coal mine. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information on the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410.2 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands in Wyoming:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 21 N., R. 101 W.,

sec. 4;

sec. 8, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4.

T. 22 N., R. 101 W.,

sec. 28, lots 5 thru 7, 10 thru 14, and NW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 32, lots 1, 2, 7 thru 10, 14, and 15.

The area described contains 1,560.85 acres.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

**Mary Jo Rugwell,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Greater Phoenix Project, Lander County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office, Battle Mountain, Nevada, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

and is announcing the beginning of the public comment period to solicit public comments on the Draft EIS. Newmont USA Limited (Newmont) is proposing to expand its existing Phoenix Mine, which is located approximately 12 miles southwest of the Town of Battle Mountain in Lander County, Nevada. The Greater Phoenix Project (Project) includes expanding the life of the Phoenix mine from 2040 to 2063; expanding the boundary of the mine by 10,611 acres from 8,228 acres to 18,839 acres; and increasing surface disturbance by 3,497 acres, from 8,374 to 11,871 acres, of which 5,896 acres involve public lands and 5,975 acres are private land.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The date(s) and location(s) of any public meetings or other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, local media, newspapers, mailings, and the BLM Web site at: [goo.gl/JwggwXA](http://goo.gl/JwggwXA).

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

- **Web site:** [goo.gl/JwggwXA](http://goo.gl/JwggwXA).
- **Email:** [blm\\_nv\\_bmdo\\_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_bmdo_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov).

• **Fax:** 775-635-4034.

• **Mail:** BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Mount Lewis Field Office.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Gabriel, Project Manager; telephone: 775-635-4000; address: 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820; or email: [blm\\_nv\\_bmdo\\_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_bmdo_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov).

Contact Christine Gabriel to have your name added to BLM's 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:** Newmont is proposing to expand its existing operations in the Phoenix Mine area, located approximately 12 miles southwest of the Town of Battle