

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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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 an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Chugach Alaska Corporation for lands located in the Prince William Sound, Alaska. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Anchorage Daily News.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until January 22, 2008 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.

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 Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

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Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Public Meeting on a Federal Coal Lease-by-Application (LBA) in the Decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Casper Field Office announces its intent to prepare an EIS on the potential impacts of the application to lease a tract of Federal coal. The EIS will be called the Hay Creek II Coal EIS. Under the provisions of 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3425.1, the BLM received the following application to lease a maintenance tract of Federal coal in Campbell County, Wyoming:

- Kiewit Mining Properties Inc.

applied for a maintenance coal lease for approximately 1448.873 acres (approximately 148 million tons of recoverable coal) in a maintenance tract of Federal coal adjacent to the Buckskin Mine. The tract, which is referred to as the Hay Creek II Tract, has been assigned case number WYW172684.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. To provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and gain understanding of the coal leasing process, the BLM will host a meeting on January 31, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Gillette College Presentation Hall, Room 120, 300 West Sinclair, Gillette, Wyoming. At the meeting, the public is invited to submit comments and resource information, plus identify issues or concerns to be considered in the coal LBA process. The BLM can best use public input if comments and resource information are submitted by March 29, 2008. The BLM will announce future public meetings and other opportunities to submit comments on this project at least 15 days prior to the events. Announcements will be made through local news media and the Casper Field Office's Web site, which is: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=linklog&to=http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Casper.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Johnson or Mike Karbs, BLM

Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. Teresa Johnson or Mr. Karbs may also be reached at (307) 261-7600.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments or concerns to the BLM Casper Field Office, Attn: Teresa Johnson, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. Written comments or resource information may also be hand-delivered to the BLM Casper Field Office or sent by facsimile to the attention of Teresa Johnson at (307) 261-7510. Comments may be sent electronically to casper_wymail@blm.gov. Please include "Buckskin Mine, Hay Creek II Coal EIS/ Teresa Johnson" in the subject line. Members of the public may examine documents pertinent to this proposal by visiting the Casper Field Office during its business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Kiewit Mining Properties, Inc. submitted an application on March 24, 2006, to lease a maintenance tract of Federal coal adjacent to the company's Buckskin Mine in Campbell County, Wyoming, which is operated by Buckskin Mining Company. A maintenance tract is a parcel of land containing Federal coal reserves that can be leased to maintain production at an existing mine. This tract is known as the Hay Creek II Tract. Consistent with Federal regulations under NEPA and the Minerals Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the BLM must prepare an environmental analysis prior to holding a competitive Federal coal lease sale. The Powder River Regional Coal Team reviewed this LBA at a public meeting held on April 19, 2006, in Casper, Wyoming, and recommended that the BLM process it.

The Hay Creek II Tract application includes approximately 148 million tons of recoverable Federal coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

T. 52 N., R. 72 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Section 7: Lots 18 through 20;
 Section 8: Lots 13 through 16;
 Section 17: Lots 1 through 4, 5 (N¹/₂), 6 (N¹/₂), 7 (N¹/₂), and 8 (N¹/₂)
 Section 18: Lots 5 through 7, 10, 11, 12 (N¹/₂, SW¹/₄), 13 (W¹/₂), 14, 15, 18, 19, and 20 (W¹/₂);
 Section 19: Lots 5 (W¹/₂), 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 (W¹/₂), 13 (W¹/₂), 14, 15, 17 through 19, and 20 (W¹/₂).

Containing 1448.873 acres, more or less.

Buckskin Mining Company proposes to mine the tract as a part of the Buckskin Mine. At the mining rate of 25 million tons per year, the coal included in the Hay Creek II Tract would extend