

[MT-921-05-1320-01-P; MTM 83997]

**Coal Exploration License Application; Notice of Invitation**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitation; Coal Exploration License Application MTM 83997.

Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Spring Creek Coal Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands located in Big Horn County, Montana:

T. 8 S., R. 39 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 13: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 14: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 21: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 23: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 24: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 25: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 35: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 8 S., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 29: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 30: SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 31: Lots 1, 3, 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

T. 9 S., R. 39 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 1: Lot 1

T. 9 S., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 6: Lots 1, 3, 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

1,508.32 acres.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, *in writing*, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800; and Spring Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box 67, Decker, Montana 59025. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 83997 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the Sheridan Press, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in the Sheridan Press.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Spring Creek Coal Company, is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Granite Tower Building, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Dated: May 5, 1995.

**Larry E. Hamilton,**

State Director.

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[NM-040-1320-01]

**Notice of Intent to Amend Oklahoma Resource Management Plan; Oklahoma**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tulsa District, is initiating preparation of a Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for BLM-managed Federal minerals in Le Flore County, Oklahoma. The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 43, Subpart 1600 (43 CFR 1600) will be followed in the preparation of this plan amendment. The public is invited to participate in this land use plan amendment effort. Written comments or suggested additional issues will be accepted through August 21, 1995. The BLM will hold a public scoping meeting at which time oral comments and suggestions will be accepted. This notice is to solicit coal resource information and indications of other interest and needs pursuant to 43 CFR 3420.1-2, and 3500, for inclusion in the Oklahoma RMP Amendment. Coal companies, other mineral extraction companies, state and local governments, and the general public are encouraged to submit information to the BLM to assist in the determinations of coal development potential and possible conflicts with other resources. If this information is determined to indicate development potential, further consideration for leasing will be given.

**DATES:** Comments relating to the identification of additional issues, and responses to this call for coal resource information will be accepted through August 21, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests to be included on the mailing list should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, 221 North Service Road, Moore, Oklahoma 73160. Proprietary data should be identified as such to ensure confidentiality.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Wolff-White, Tulsa District BLM, (405) 794-9624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed Oklahoma RMP amendment will include the Federal coal lease application located in Section 3, T9N in

Le Flore County, about 8 miles northwest of Spiro, Oklahoma. The property proposed to be leased, containing approximately 100 acres, is described as follows: NESW, SWSW, NWSESW.

The anticipated issue to be addressed by this RMP amendment effort is coal leasing and development.

We expect the development of this coal resource to be the issue addressed in the RMP amendment. Industry and other interested parties are asked to provide any information that will be useful in meeting the requirements of the Federal Coal Management Program defined in 43 CFR 3420, including application of the coal planning screens and possibly future activity planning such as tract delineation, ranking and selection. Information resulting from this call will be used to determine potential for coal development and likelihood of conflict with other resources within this 100-acre tract and any other tracts that may be determined to have additional interest.

Lands already considered in the Oklahoma Resource Management Plan, adopted in January 1994, need not be addressed.

The issue of Federal coal leasing and development will include:

1. Determining areas acceptable for further coal leasing consideration with standard stipulations;
2. Determining areas acceptable for consideration with special stipulations;
3. Determining areas unacceptable for further coal leasing consideration.

The BLM will apply the coal development potential, unsuitability criteria, multiple use conflict and consultation screens in order to make these determinations.

The type of information needed includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Location:
  - a. Federal coal tracts desired by mining companies should include a narrative description with areas delineated on a map with a scale of not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to the mile.
  - b. Descriptions of both public and private industry coal users in the general region.
2. Quantity needs (tonnage, dates) for both public and private industry coal users and coal developers.
3. Quality needs (by type and grade) for end users of the coal.
4. Coal reserve drilling data which may pertain to the planning area.
5. Information relating to surface and mineral ownership:
  - a. Surface owner consents previously granted, whether consent is transferable, surface owner leases with coal companies.