

The Rosebud seam, averaging 22.3 feet in thickness, is the only economically minable coal seam within the tract. The tract contains an estimated 35.6 million tons of recoverable reserves. Coal quality, as received, averages 8,360 BTU/lb, 25.52 percent moisture, 10.03 percent ash, and 0.97 percent sulfur. This coal bed is being mined in adjoining tracts by Western Energy Company.

Rental and Royalty

A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof; and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods and 8.0 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal shall be determined in accordance with 43 CFR 3485.2.

DATES: Lease Sale—The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 1995, in the Conference Room on the Sixth Floor of the Granite Tower Building, Bureau of Land Management, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana 59107.

Bids—Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 1995, to the cashier, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Second Floor, Granite Tower Building, 222 North 32nd Street, Post Office Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand-delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after that time will not be considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bidding instructions for the offered tract are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available at the Montana State Office. Casefile documents are also available for public inspection at the Montana State Office.

Dated: June 29, 1995.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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Draft White Canyon Resource Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment for the Phoenix Resource Management Plan and the Safford District Resource Management Plan, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District, in response to a land exchange proposal, is preparing a Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment to amend the Phoenix Resource Management Plan and the Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMPs) in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The proposal involves exchanging selected public lands for private lands with high resource values. The selected lands include 1,828 acres of federal mineral estate and 4,721 acres of public lands which includes 160 non-wilderness acres of the White Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)—most of the ACEC is now managed as the White Canyon Wilderness. Three hundred fifty-five (355) acres of these selected public lands were transferred from the Safford District to the Phoenix Resource Area (Phoenix District) under a 1991 boundary adjustment. The plan amendment/environmental assessment considers changing the current land tenure decision from retention for these lands and mineral estate to disposal through an exchange and considers changing the White Canyon ACEC designation. Four plan amendment alternatives, including the no action alternative, are analyzed. The proposed action is to make available for exchange 4,721 acres of public lands and 1,828 acres of federal minerals, and to remove ACEC designation from 300 non-wilderness acres of which 160 acres are to be included in the proposed exchange. The proposed action would also remove ACEC designation from 1,620 acres now included within the White Canyon Wilderness.

Written specific comments are needed on the draft to be considered in the final amendment/environmental assessment. Public open houses will be held at the following locations and times:

Florence Open House, August 1, 1995, 3-7 p.m. at the Florence Unified School District Office, Administration Building, 350 S. Main St., Florence, Arizona 85232 (602) 868-2300.
Mesa Open House, August 2, 1995, 3-7 p.m. at the Cholla Room, Centennial Hall, 201 North Center Street, Mesa, Arizona (602) 644-2178.

DATES: Written public comments may be submitted during the open houses or to the address given below. Public comments will be accepted until September 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to and copies of the draft plan

amendment/environmental assessment are available from: Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027, ATTENTION MCFARLIN AMENDMENT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shela McFarlin, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027 or telephone (602) 780-8090.

Dated: June 30, 1995.

G.L. Cheniae,

District Manager.

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Intent To Reopen Formal Scoping and Hold Public Meetings Concerning the Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Warm Springs Project; Iron, Kane, and Washington Counties, Utah; Coconino County, Arizona; and Clark County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) (the Agencies) intend to offer the public an opportunity to comment, in either written or oral form, on changes to the proposed size and mine life at the Smoky Hollow Mine that may affect the analysis of impacts in the environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed Warm Springs Project.

Andalex Resources, Inc. (Andalex) has recently submitted revisions to the permit application packages (PAPs) for the proposed Smoky Hollow Mine. These revisions identify a proposed mining area of nearly 25,000 acres of leased Federal and State land within Andalex's 36,419-acre leasehold that would contain sufficient coal reserves to accommodate proposed underground mining operations over the next 40 years. Previous proposals had identified a mining area of 9,775 acres of Federal and State land that would have been mined over a 30-year period. No other major changes are being proposed in the revisions to the PAPs. Coal would still be: (1) mined by underground methods, (2) produced at a rate in the range of 2.5 to 3 million tons per year, and (3) hauled by contractor-supplied trucks to the proposed unit-train loadout facilities near Cedar City, Utah, and Moapa, Nevada. The larger mining area would constitute an expansion of the underground workings identified in the