18071, and on the Internet at the following sites: *http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/palmerton/palmerton.cfm*, *http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/remserv/nrd/nrdhome.html*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Klassen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, Pennsylvania 16801. Interested parties may also call 814–234–4090 for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Site is located in the Ridge and Valley Province of Carbon, Lehigh, and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania. Facilities at the Site include the East and West Plants of the former New Jersey Zinc Company, a primary zinc smelting facility. This facility discharged metals to the surrounding environment via air emissions and through the release of solid wastes, including the creation of a large waste pile (the ''cinder bank''). Hazardous substances released to the environment from these facilities include arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, manganese, and zinc (metals). The release of these metals resulted in the contamination and defoliation of thousands of acres of land including Federal (NPS) and State (PGC) lands adjacent to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Past and ongoing releases of metals have also adversely affected area waters including Aquashicola Creek, the Lehigh River, and groundwater. Due to hazardous substances released from industrial activities, the Site was included on the National Priorities List in 1983, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA is acting as the lead response agency overseeing cleanup of the Site, which is being carried out by the potentially responsible parties, Viacom International, Inc. and Horsehead Corporation.

Under Federal regulations, the Federal government, States, and Indian tribes are authorized as natural resource trustees to recover damages from responsible parties for injuries to natural resources caused by the release of hazardous substances. This process is intended to compensate the public for lost natural resources and to restore services provided by those resources. The natural resource trustees for this matter include: The FWS; the NPS; the NOAA; the PGC; the PFBC; the PDEP; and the PDCNR.

The Trustees have developed a Memorandum of Agreement that provides a framework for continued cooperation and coordination. The Trustees have determined through a Preassessment Screen that an assessment is warranted. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to perform an assessment was issued to Viacom International, Inc., the Potentially Responsible Party, indicating that the Trustees intend to proceed with NRDA procedures for the Site. The NOI invited Viacom to participate in a cooperative injury assessment, and Viacom has since entered into a cooperative funding agreement designed to provide a framework for a cooperative NRDA process.

The purpose of this Plan is to guide the actions of the Trustees through the NRDA process. This Plan outlines the Trustees' proposed plans to document and evaluate potentially injured resources. The Trustees intend to focus on the loss of ecological and human use services resulting from injuries to natural resources. Such lost services include impairment of terrestrial, floodplain, and aquatic flora and fauna; supporting habitats; and public use of natural resources (*e.g.*, hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching).

The Trustees will assess suspected injuries to natural resources using existing data, as well as those proposed to be collected as part of the assessment. The Trustees will further analyze the identified natural resource injuries to evaluate the lost ecological and human use services provided by those resources. The evaluation will focus on baseline services that would have been provided had the hazardous substances not been released.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Plan. Copies of the Plan are available for review at the Service's Pennsylvania Field Office located at 315 South Allen Street, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, the Palmerton Library located at 402 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, Pennsylvania 18071, and on the Internet at: *http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/palmerton/palmerton.cfm, http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/remserv/nrd/nrdhome.html.*

Author: The primary author of this notice, on behalf of the Trustee Council, is Steve Klassen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 315 South Allen Street, State College, Pennsylvania 16801.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 as amended, commonly known as Superfund (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), and the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR part 11.

Dated: July 14, 2005.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Designated Authorized Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–922–1320–05, OKNM 104763, OKNM 107920, OKNM 108097]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico State Office, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Field Office, will offer certain coal resources in three separate tracts described below in LeFlore, Latimer, and Haskell Counties in Oklahoma, for competitive sale by sealed bid, in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.*).

DATES: The Lease Sale for the three separate tracts will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2005. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m., on September 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The Lease Sale will be held in the BLM Conference Room, Oklahoma Field Office, 7906 E. 33rd Street, Ste. 101, Tulsa, OK 74145. Sealed bids for each separate tract must be submitted to the Cashier, Oklahoma Field Office, at the address above.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida T. Viarreal, Land Law Examiner, at (505) 438–7603, or Abdalla M. Elias, Mining Engineer, at (918) 621–4116.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Coal Lease Sale is being held in response to three coal lease applications filed by Farrell Cooper Mining Company. Each tract will be leased to the qualified bidder(s) submitting the highest cash offer provided that the high bids meet or exceed the fair market value of the tracts as determined by the authorized officer after the Sale. No bid that is less than $100.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. This $100.00 per acre is a regulatory minimum, and is not intended to reflect

fair market value of the tracts. Each bid should be clearly identified by tract number or serial number on the outside of the envelope containing the bid(s). The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or should be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand delivered sealed bid. Bids received after 9 a.m., on September 14, 2005, will not be considered. If identical high sealed bids are received, the tying bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale official's announcement at the Sale that identical sealed bids have been received.

The three coal lease tracts to be offered are:

Tract No. 1—Liberty West—OKNM 104763

The coal resource to be offered will be mined by both surface and underground mining methods in the following described lands located in Haskell County, Oklahoma:

T. 10 N., R. 21 E., I.M.,
Sec. 1, S½NE¼, and S½;
Sec. 12, NE¼NE¼, W½NE¼, and NW¼SE¼.

Containing 560.00 acres, more or less.

Estimated recoverable Federal reserves of bituminous coal from the Stigler seam is 2.057 million tons. The proximate analysis of the coal on a received basis averages 14,025 BTU/lb., with 0.58% moisture, 3.56% sulfur, 9.21% ash, 64.2% fixed carbon, and 26.7% volatile matter. This tract has four qualified surface owners. Two consent documents from qualified surface owners have been filed and verified by the BLM and meet the criteria as required by the regulations.

Tract No. 2—McCurtain No. 1 Tract—OKNM 108097

The coal resource to be offered will be mined by underground mining methods in the following described lands located in Haskell County, Oklahoma:

T. 8 N., R. 22 E., I. M.,
Sec. 8, NE¼SE¼, S½SE¼, and beginning at the south quarter corner of Section 8, T. 8 N., R. 22 E., thence N. 0° 3′ W., 1,320 feet along the east line of the SW¼ of said section, thence S. 89° 43.75′ W., 1,320.41 feet along the north line of the SE¼SW¼ of said section, thence S. 45° 10.17′ E., 1,863.45 feet to the point of beginning, all within the SE¼SW¼ of Section 8, T. 8 N., R. 22 E.;
Sec. 9, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼; and S½;
Sec. 10, All;
Sec. 11, W½W½;
Sec. 14, NW¼;
Sec. 15, N½, and N½SW¼;
Sec. 16, N½, and beginning at the west quarter corner of Section 16, T. 8 N., R. 22 E., thence N. 89° 42′ E., 2,634.39 feet along the north line of the SW¼ of said section, thence S. 44° 46′ W., 1,868.91 feet to the NE corner of the SW¼SW¼ of said section, thence N. 45° 6.7′ W., 1,860.64 feet to the point of beginning, all within the SW¼ of Section 16, T. 8 N., R. 22 E., (40.00 acres);
Sec. 17, Beginning at the NE corner of Section 17, T. 8 N., R. 22 E., thence S. 89° 40′ W., 2,640 feet along the north line of said section, thence S. 45° 11.5′ E., 3,724.28 feet to the east quarter corner of said section, thence N. 0° 3′ W., 2,640 feet along the east line of said section to the point of beginning, all within the NE¼ of Section 17, T. 8 N., R. 22 E., (80.00 acres).

Containing 2,380.00 acres, more or less.

Estimated recoverable Federal reserves of bituminous coal from the Hartshorne seam is 10.058 million tons recoverable by underground mining methods. The proximate analysis of the coal on a received basis averages 13,320 BTU/lb., with 3.1% moisture, 0.9% sulfur, 9.8% ash, 67.4% fixed carbon, and 20.3% volatile matter.

Tract No. 3—Bull Hill—OKNM 107920

The coal resource to be offered will be mined by both surface and underground mining methods in the following described lands located in LeFlore and Latimer County, Oklahoma:

T. 5 N., R. 20 E., I.M., Latimer County, Oklahoma
Sec. 9, S½S½N½NE¼, N½S½NE¼, N½S½S½NE¼, and S½NW¼;
Sec. 10, S½S½N½N½, N½S½N½, and N½S½SW¼NW¼;
Sec. 11, S½NE¼NE¼, N½N½SE¼NE¼, S½S½NW¼NW¼, and N½SW¼NW¼;
Sec. 12, S½N½NE¼NE¼, S½NE¼NE¼, S½S½NW¼NE¼, N½S½NE¼, S½N½NW¼NW¼, S½N½NW¼, and N½N½S½NW¼.

T. 5 N., R. 21 E., I. M., Latimer County, Oklahoma
Sec. 1, S½S½NW¼SW¼, N½SW¼SW¼, and N½S½SW¼SW¼;
Sec. 2, S½N½S½SW¼, S½S½SW¼, S½S½NE¼SE¼, and S½SE¼;
Sec. 3, S½S½S½SW¼, S½S½SW¼SE¼, and S½SE¼SE¼;
Sec. 7, S½N½N½NE¼, S½N½NE¼, N½S½NE¼, S½N½NE¼NW¼, S½NE¼NW¼, N½ SE¼NW¼, and beginning at the NW corner of sec. 7, proceed 330 feet south along the west line of said section to the point of beginning. Thence 990 feet south along the west line of sec. 7 to the SW corner of lot 1, thence 1,267.37 feet, N. 89° 57.5′ E., along the south line of lot 1 to the SE corner of lot 1, thence N. 0° 3′ W., 990 feet along the east line of lot 1, thence 1,264.77 feet, S. 89° 57.875′ W., to the point of beginning. All in lot 1;
Beginning at the NW corner of sec.7, proceed 1,320 feet south along the west line of said section to the point of beginning. Thence 1,267.37 feet, N. 89° 57.5′ E., along the north line of lot 2 to the NE corner of lot 2, thence 660 feet, S. 0° 3′ E., along the east line of lot 2, thence S. 89° 57.25′ W., 1,269.10 feet to the west line of lot 2, thence north along the west line of lot 2, 660 feet to the point of beginning.
All in lot 2;
Sec. 8, S½N½N½N½, and S½N½N½;
Sec. 9, N½N½;
Sec. 10, N½N½N½, N½S½NW¼NE¼, and N½S½N½N½NW¼.

T. 5 N., R. 22 E., I. M., LeFlore County, Oklahoma
Sec. 1, S½NW¼;
Sec. 2, SE¼NE¼.

T. 5 N., R. 23 E., I. M., LeFlore County, Oklahoma
Sec. 4, Beginning at the NW corner of sec. 4, T. 5 N., R. 23 E., thence S. 1° 58′ 33″ E., 381.48 feet along the west line of said section to the point of beginning. Thence N. 88° 9′ 25″ E., 2,632.42 feet, thence N. 88° 9′ 27″ E., 659.26 feet, thence S. 1° 58′ 33″ E., 660 feet, thence S. 88° 9′ 27″ W., 329.63 feet, thence S. 1° 58′ 33″ E., 330 feet, thence S. 88° 9′ 27″ W., 329.63 feet along the south line of lot 2, to the SW corner of lot 2, thence S. 88° 9′ 25″ W., 2,632.42 feet along the south lines of lots 3 and 4 to the SW corner of lot 4, thence N. 1° 58′ 33″ W., 990 feet along the west line of said section to the point of beginning;
Sec. 5, lots 3, 4, and beginning at the north quarter corner thence N. 88° 8′ 6″ E., 647.66 feet along the north line of said section, thence S. 2° 36′ 11″ E., 713.96 feet, thence N. 88° 3′ 48″ E., 659.9 feet, thence N. 88° 3′ 48″ E., 1,322.33 feet to a point on the east line of said section, thence S. 1° 58′ 33″ E., 660.06 feet along the east line of said section, thence S. 88° 3′ 57″ W., 2,634.89 feet, thence N. 2° 5′ 35″ W., 1,374.68 feet to the point of beginning;
Sec. 6, lots 1–5, N½SW¼NE¼, and N½SE¼NW¼.

T. 6 N., R. 23 E., I. M., LeFlore County, Oklahoma
Sec. 34, N½S½SE¼, N½S½S½SE¼, E½SW¼SW¼, S½SE¼SW¼, and S½N½SE¼SW¼;
Sec. 35, N½S½SW¼, N½SW¼SE¼, and S½S½N½SE¼;
Sec. 36, S½N½S½, and N½N½SE¼SW¼.

T. 6 N., R. 24 E., I. M., LeFlore County, Oklahoma
Sec. 31, lot 3, NE¼SW¼, N½NE¼SE¼, N½S½NE¼SE¼; and NW¼SE¼;
Sec. 32, N½N½S½, and N½ S½N½S½;
Sec. 33, N½N½ S½, and N½S½N½S½;
Sec. 34, N½N½SW¼, N½S½ N½SW¼ and N½SE ¼.

Containing 2,701.58 acres, more or less.

Estimated recoverable Federal reserves of bituminous coal from two splits of the Lower Hartshorne seam is 8.705 million tons; 3.541 million tons recoverable by surface mining methods, and 5.174 million tons recoverable by

underground mining methods. The proximate analysis of the coal on a received basis averages 13,450—14,000 BTU/lb., with 2.9—4.7% moisture, 0.8—1.4% sulfur, 5.6—7.1% ash, 53.5—72.3% fixed carbon, and 17.8—35.9% volatile matter. This tract has 35 qualified surface owners and 16 unqualified surface owners. Nine consent documents from qualified surface owners have been filed and verified by the BLM and meet the criteria as required by the regulations.

The leases issued as a result of this lease offering will require payment of an annual rental of $3.00 per acre or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 12½ percent of the value of the coal removed from a surface mine and 8 percent of the value of the coal removed from an underground mine. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the offered tracts and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease tracts are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the Statement, which includes detailed geological information on the coal and surface owners and, surface owner's consent to surface mine specific tracts, are available upon request in person or by mail from the New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87502 or the Oklahoma Field Office at the address shown above. The case files are available for inspection during normal business hours only at the New Mexico State Office.

Dated: July 22, 2005.

Janice L. Gamby,

Acting State Director, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–930–04–1610–DB]

Notice of Extension of the Public Scoping Period for the South National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and Request for Information, Call for Nominations and Comments, and Solicitation of Interest in Hardrock and Coal Mining

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces an extension of the public scoping period on the South National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and an extension in the Request for Information, Call for Nominations and Comments and the solicitation of interest in hardrock and coal mining. The original notice issued June 15, 2005 provided for a scoping period and the request for other comment and information to end on August 26, 2005. BLM is extending the scoping and related comment and information gathering period through October 17, 2004 and will reschedule scoping meetings in Anaktuvuk Pass, Anchorage, Atqasuk, Barrow, Buckland, Fairbanks, Koyuk, Nome, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright.

DATES: Scoping comments and responses to the Call for Nominations will be accepted through October 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments should be submitted to: South NPR—A Planning Team Leader, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599. Responses to the Call for Nominations must be submitted in envelopes labeled ''Nominations Related to the South NPR–A IAP/EIS'' to protect the confidentiality of the nominations. They are to be addressed to: Call for Nominations, South NPR–A Team, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Ducker (907–271–3130) or Susan Childs (907–271–1985) by phone or by mail at 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513–7599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Intent issued on June 15, 2005 provided for scoping comments on issues relevant to the scope of the plan to be received through August 26, 2005. The Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group (Working Group) has requested an extension in the scoping comment period. BLM has decided to act in accordance to the Working Group's request to better accommodate the subsistence needs of local residents. Therefore, scoping comments on the issues relevant to the scope of the South Plan will now be accepted through October 17, 2005 and the scoping meeting schedule will be adjusted and announced to the public. In addition, the original Notice of Intent provided for a Call for Nominations pursuant to 43 CFR 3131.1 and 3131.2 of relevant information related to possible oil and gas leasing. The Call for Nominations is also extended through October 17, 2005.

Julia Dougan,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–03–840–1610–241A]

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Monument) Advisory Committee (Committee), will meet as directed below.

DATES: A meeting will be held September 6, 2005 at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado at 9 a.m. The public comment period for the meeting will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 12 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LouAnn Jacobson, Monument Manager or Stephen Kandell, Monument Planner, Anasazi Heritage Center, 27501 Hwy 184, Dolores, Colorado 81323; Telephone (970) 882–5600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The eleven member committee provides counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, concerning development and implementation of a management plan developed in accordance with FLMPA, for public lands within the Monument. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include the planning schedule, planning issues and management concerns, livestock grazing, and other issues as appropriate.

The meeting will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meeting or submit written statements at any meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of all Committee meetings will be maintained at the