Request for Comments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests you to send your comments on this collection to the locations listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address:

(a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

OMB has up to 60 days to make a decision on the submission for renewal, but may make the decision after 30 days. Therefore, to receive the best consideration of your comments, you should submit them closer to 30 days than 60 days.

25 CFR 162—Leases and Permits

Type of review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: 25 CFR 162, Lease and Permits.

Summary: This collection of information is being renewed with substantially no change. Generally trust and restricted land may be leased by Indian land owners, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, except when specified by a specific statute. The Secretary requests information on the documentation collected when processing a lease on land held in trust or restricted status by an individual Indian or tribe. The information is used to determine approval of a lease, amendment, assignment, sublease, mortgage or related document. No specific form is used, however, in order to satisfy the Federal Law, regulation and policy the respondents supply information and data, in accordance with 25 CFR part 162.

Respondents: Possible respondents include: Land owners of trust or restricted Indian land, both tribal and individual, wanting to lease their land or someone wanting to lease trust or restricted Indian land.

Number of Respondents: 14,500.

Estimated Time per Response: The time per response varies from 15 minutes to 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: This is a one-time collection per lease approval.

Total Annual Responses: 121,140.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 106,065 hours.

Total Annual Fees from Respondents: BIA collects fees for processing submitted documents, as set forth in section 162.241 or 162.616. The minimum administrative fee is $10.00 and the maximum administrative fee is $500.00. The average total administrative fees collected is $250.00, which is collected approximately 7,252 times, totaling $1,813,000.

Dated: March 28, 2007.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT–030–1320–EL, MTM 94378]

Notice of Federal Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, lease application MTM 94378.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, will offer coal reserves in the lands described below in Big Horn County, Montana, hereinafter described as Federal coal lease application (LBA) MTM 94378 for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions for competitive lease sales in 43 CFR part 3422.2(a), and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*)

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Sealed bids must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the address indicated below, and must be received on or before 10 a.m., April 17, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the BLM Montana State Office, 920 Conference Room, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669. Sealed bids clearly marked ''Sealed Bid for MTM 94378 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2007'' must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Montana State Office, at the address given above. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand delivered sealed bid. Any bid received after the time specified will not be considered and will be returned.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, or Rebecca Spurgin, Coal Coordinator, at 406–896–5060 or 406–896–5080, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This sale is being held in response to a LBA filed by Spring Creek Coal Company on March 7, 2005. All coal LBAs submitted to BLM for processing prior to November 7, 2005, are not subject to cost recovery on a case-by-case basis (See 43 CFR 3000.10(d)(1), 70 FR 58872, October 7, 2005). The Federal coal resource to be offered consists of all recoverable reserves in the following described lands:

Tract 1:

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

Sec. 13: SW¼NW¼NW¼, SW¼NW¼, SW¼SE¼NW¼, N½SW¼, N½SW¼SW¼, N½SE¼SW¼SW¼, SE¼SE¼SW¼SW¼, SE¼SW¼, NW¼NW¼SE¼, S½NW¼SE¼, N½SW¼SE¼, SW¼SW¼SE¼

Sec. 14: Beginning at a point bearing S. 60°25′06″ E., 2299.67 feet from the section corner of sections. 10, 11, 14, and 15 and on the N–S center line of the NE¼NW¼ of section 14 and at 528.30 feet southerly from the NE–NW1/64 section corner of section 14; thence on the exclusion boundary line, S. 90°00′00″ E., 317.70 feet; thence S. 55°21′33″ E., 1741.06 feet; thence N. 38°32′16″ E., 1422.65 feet, to a point on the N–S center line of the NE¼NE¼ of said section; thence northerly on the N–S center line of the NE¼NE¼ of said section to the NE–NE1/64 section corner of said section; thence easterly on the E–W center line of the NE¼NE¼ of said section to the N–N1/64 section corner of sections 13 and 14; thence southerly on the section line between sections 13 and 14 to the N–S–S1/256 section corner of sections 13 and 14; thence westerly on the E–W center line of the NE¼SE¼SE¼ of section 14 to the NE–SE–SE1/256 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N–S center line of the NE¼SE¼SE¼ of said section to the C–E–E–SE1/256 section corner of said section, on the E–W center line of the SE¼ of said section; thence westerly on the E–W center line of the SE¼ of said section to the C–E–SE1/64 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N–S center line of the NE¼SE¼ of said section to the C–S–NE–SE1/256 section corner of said section; thence westerly on the E–W center line of the SE¼NE¼SE¼ of said section to the C–S–N–SE1/256 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N–S center line of the SE¼ of said section to

the C–E1/16 section corner of said section; thence westerly on the E–W center line of said section to the C1/4 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N–S center line of said section to the C–S–N1/64 section corner of said section; thence westerly on the E–W center line of the S1/2 of the NW1/4 of said section to the SW–NW1/64 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N–S center line of the SW1/4NW1/4 of said section to the C–W–NW1/64 section corner of said section; thence easterly on the E–W center line of the NW1/4 of said section to the C–E–NW1/64 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N–S center line of the NE1/4NW1/4 of said section to the point of beginning, containing 137.70 acres, more or less.

Sec. 24: N1/2NE1/4NW1/4

Total: 425.2 acres

Tract 2:

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

Sec. 15: W1/2SW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4

Sec. 22: NE1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4NE1/4NW1/4

Sec. 23: SW1/4SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2N1/2NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4

Total: 242.5 acres

Tract 3:

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

Sec. 25: SW1/4SW1/4

Sec. 26: SW1/4NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Sec. 27: SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4, S1/2SE1/4NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4SE1/4

Total: 350.0 acres

Tract 4

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

Sec. 30: S1/2NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Total: 100.0 acres

Containing approximately 1,117.700 acres in Big Horn County, Montana.

The LBA's total recoverable coal reserves are estimated to be 108.6 million tons (averaging 79.5 feet in thickness) and the average overburden depth is 234.2 feet.

The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis is as follows:

BTU	9,331 BTU/lb.
Volatile Matter	32.02
Fixed Carbon	38.53
Moisture	25.71
Sulphur Content	0.35
Ash Content	3.80
Sodium	8.38

The tracts will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's pre-sale estimate of fair market value (FMV). No bid that is less than $100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The DOI has established a minimum bid of $100 per acre or fraction thereof for Federal coal tracts. The minimum bid is not intended to represent FMV. The FMV will be determined by the BLM after the sale. In the event identical high sealed bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up 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 high bids have been received.

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 will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tracts offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. Copies of the Detailed Statement and the proposed coal lease are available at the Montana State Office at the address given above. Casefile MTM 94378 is available for inspection at the Montana State Office during normal business hours at the address above.

Dated: February 22, 2007.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR–027–1020–PI–020H–07–048]

Notice of Call for Nominations for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is publishing this notice under section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pursuant to the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–399), the BLM gives notice that the Secretary of the Interior intends to call for nominations for vacating positions on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council. This notice requests the public to submit nominations for membership on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Steens Mountain Advisory Council. Individuals may nominate themselves or others for Steens Mountain Advisory Council membership. Nomination forms may be obtained from the BLM Burns District Office (*see* address below). To make a nomination, submit a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications, to the BLM Burns District Office. Nominations may be made for the following categories of interest:

- A person who has no financial interest in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area to represent Statewide interests (appointed from nominees submitted by the Governor of Oregon);
- A member of the Burns Paiute Tribe (appointed from nominees submitted by the Burns Paiute Tribe);
- A person who participates in what is commonly called mechanized or consumptive recreation, such as hunting, fishing, off-road driving, hang gliding, or parasailing (appointed by the BLM Oregon State Director); and
- A person who is a grazing permittee on Federal lands in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (appointed by the county court for Harney County, Oregon).

The specific category the nominee will represent should be identified in the letter of nomination. The BLM Burns District will collect the nomination forms and letters of reference and distribute them to the officials responsible for submitting nominations (County Court of Harney County, the Governor of Oregon, and the BLM). The BLM will the forward recommended nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who has responsibility for making the appointments.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted to the address listed below no later than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738 (541) 573–4433, or *Rhonda_Karges@blm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Steens Mountain Advisory Council is to advise the BLM on the management of the Steens