

**Bureau of Land Management****[UT-930-00-1320-00; (UTU-67939)]****Notice of Coal Lease Offering By Sealed Bid****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Carbon County, Utah, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). *However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer.* A company or individual is limited to *one sealed bid*. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held in *the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, 324 South State Street, Suite 302, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 1996.* At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read. *No bids received after 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 1996,* will be considered.

**COAL OFFERED:** The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah, approximately 3 miles west of Scofield, Utah, within the Manti-LaSal National Forest and are described as follows:

- T. 12 S., R. 6E., SLM, UT  
 Sec. 26, S2SE, SESW;  
 Sec. 34, lots 1-4, S2NE, SENW, E2SWNW, N2S2;  
 Sec. 35, all.  
 T. 13 S., R. 6 E., SLM, UT  
 Sec. 2, all;  
 Sec. 3, all;  
 Sec. 10, lots 1, 2, NE, E2NW;  
 Sec. 11, N2, N2S2.  
 Containing 3,291.00 Acres

Two economically recoverable coal beds, the Lower O'Conner and Upper O'Conner, are found in this tract. The Lower O'Conner seam averages 9.1 feet in thickness and the Upper O'Conner seam averages 6.3 feet in thickness. This tract contains an estimated 24.1 million tons of recoverable high volatile C bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality using weighted average of samples on an as-received basis is:

	Lower O'Conner	Upper O'Conner
BTU/lb .....	12,756	12,627
Percent moisture ...	5.95	7.5
Percent sulphur ....	.44	.53
Percent ash .....	4.63	4.02
Percent fixed carbon .....	44.69	45.81
Percent volatile matter .....	44.73	42.68

**RENTAL AND ROYALTY:** A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rate of \$3.00 per acre and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 203.200.

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:** Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease are available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Suite 301, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-2303 or in the Public Room (Room 400). All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates, except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The unleased coal in this tract is included in the Utah Schools and Lands Improvement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-93) as a Federal interest which the State of Utah may select to satisfy the value of the exchange of State for Federal lands authorized in the Act. In accordance with the Act, the Federal interest, i.e., the unleased coal, in this tract was offered to the State or Utah on October 20, 1993. Consummation of the exchange under the Act may, in the future, allow for the State of Utah to succeed to some or all of the United States interest in this tract.

Douglas M. Koza,

*Acting State Director.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-DQ-M****[OR-912-0777-52; GP6-0133]****Call for Nominations for Native American Tribal Representative to the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for a Native American tribal representative for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council, established and authorized in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice and recommendations to the BLM and Forest Service on management of public lands. This is an additional vacant position to those identified in a Federal Register Notice published April 15, 1996. Public nominations will be received through May 30, 1996.

The Council, which was established in August, 1995, is made up of 15 members. The Native American tribal representative has resigned from the Council, and we are seeking nominees to replace this position for the balance of its term through August of 1997.

The Council, which covers eastern Washington, has to date identified two issues that they would like to work on with the BLM and the Forest Service: Standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management, and the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

This council is authorized under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), which directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands. These include three categories:

Category One: holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation.

Category Two: representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, dispersed recreation, archeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups.

Category Three: representatives of State and local government, Native American tribes, academicians involved in natural sciences, employees of State agencies responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water, and the public at large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Washington. The Eastern Washington Council covers eastern Washington (with the exception of the area south of the Snake River drainages).

Nominees will be evaluated based on their experience working with Native American tribal issues and their knowledge of the geographic area covered by the Council. Nominees must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The BLM Oregon/Washington State Director, the Forest Service Regional Forester, and the Washington Governor's Office will forward the nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who will make the appointment to the Council.

This nomination period will also be announced through press releases issued by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office. Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils should be sent to: Elaine Zielinski, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Director, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR, 97208.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office on or before May 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Lincoln Wojtanik, OR 912, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon, 97208, (Telephone 503-952-6437).

Eric Hoffman,

*Acting State Director, Oregon/Washington.*  
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[Docket No. 4310-DN]

### Notice of a Public Meeting; Montana, MT-060-06-1020-00

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lewistown District Advisory Council will meet May 21 and

22, 1996, at the 7 Lazy P Guest Ranch, north west of Choteau, Montana. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on May 21. The business of the day will include reviewing a draft letter to interest groups and individuals inquiring of the potential for creating a coordinated resource management group concerning oil and gas exploration and development along the Rocky Mountain Front; reviewing possible options to buy back, abandon, or terminate mineral leases along the Front; and a field trip to the area being considered for additional exploration.

On May 22, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. The topics of the day will include standards and guidelines; the council's charter; the Mixed Grass Prairie ACEC; mineral exploration proposal in the Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area; black-footed ferret/prairie dog issues; Native American participation in council activities; and the nomination process for those council positions that expire in 1996.

There will be a public comment period at 11:30 a.m. on May 22.

**DATES:** May 21 and 22, 1996.

**LOCATION:** 7 Lazy P Guest Ranch, northwest of Choteau, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** District Manager, Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public and there will be a public comment period as detailed above.

Dated: April 16, 1996.

David L. Mari,  
*District Manager.*

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### Notice of Public Meetings for Proposed Land Withdrawal: Idaho

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force proposes to withdraw 11,583.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 1 or 9,673.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 2 of public land from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, mining laws and mineral leasing laws, for the Mountain Home Air Force Base Enhanced Training in Idaho (ETI) site. Several public meetings will be held to gather comments on the proposal, at the dates, times, places and addresses described in this Notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Howard Hedrick, BLM Idaho State Office, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706-2500, 208-384-3197.

The Department of the Air Force proposes that 11,583.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 1 to 9,673.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 2 of public land be withdrawn for a period of 20 years to provide protection of the ETI. The lands are described as follows:

Boise Meridian

*(Alternative Site No. 1)—Proposal: Clover Butte Drop Zone*

T. 12 S., R. 8 E.,  
Sec. 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 13;  
Sec. 14;  
Sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Secs. 23 to 26 inclusive;  
Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 35.  
T. 12 S., R. 9 E.,  
Sec. 7, lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Secs. 17 to 20 inclusive;  
Secs. 29 to 32 inclusive;

*(No Drop Zone)*

T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,  
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 9 S., R. 6 E.,  
Sec. 21.  
T. 13 S., R. 4 E.,  
Sec. 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

*(Emitters)*

T. 8 S., R. 9 E.,  
Sec. 34, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 9 S., R. 6 E.,  
Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,  
Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 11 S., R. 5 E.,  
Sec. 17, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 12 S., R. 3 E.,  
Sec. 26, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 12 S., R. 10 E.,  
Sec. 30, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  within lot 4.  
T. 13 S., R. 9 E.,  
Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 11,583.34 acres in Owyhee County.

*(Alternative Site No. 2)—Proposal: Grasmere Drop Zone*

T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,  
Secs. 25 to 27 inclusive;  
Secs. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 35.  
T. 11 S., R. 5 E.,  
Sec. 30, lots 1 to 4 inclusive;  
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4 inclusive.  
T. 12 S., R. 4 E.,  
Secs. 1 to 4 inclusive;  
Sec. 9;  
Sec. 10, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;