

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-921-04-1320-EL-P; MTM 93833]

**Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 93833****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Western Energy Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Treasure County, Montana, encompassing 320.00 acres.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5060, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands to be explored for coal deposits are described as follows: T. 2 N., R. 38 E., P.M.M., Sec. 14: E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, *in writing*, both the State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, and Western Energy Company, P.O. Box 99, Colstrip, Montana 59323. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 93833 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* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Sheridan Press*, Sheridan, Wyoming.

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 Western Energy Company, is available for public inspection at the BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 30, 2004.

**Randy D. Heuscher,**  
Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-030-1020-PH; G4-0288]

**Notice of Call for Nominations for the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC)****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting public nominations to fill the unexpired term of two positions on the John Day-Snake-RAC. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands in northeast Oregon, Southeast Washington, and that portion of Idaho within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. BLM will consider public nominations until December 20, 2004.

**DATES:** Send all nominations to the appropriate BLM State Office by no later than December 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the location to send your nominations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Robbins, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, 333 SW. First Avenue OR-912, Portland, OR 97204-3420; 503-808-6306.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1730) 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 consistent with the requirements of Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Members serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees. As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR 1784.b. The unexpired terms to be filled are category three—Indian tribes within or adjacent to the RAC, and employee of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources. The current term expiration for the tribal representative is September 19, 2007; for the State employee, it is September 19, 2006. Individuals may

nominate themselves or others to serve on the RAC. Nominees must be residents of Oregon, Washington, or Idaho, the states in which the RAC has jurisdiction. BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations,
- A completed background information nomination form,
- Any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Nomination forms are available from Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, 333 SW. First Avenue, Portland, OR 97208-2965. Completed applications should be sent to the same address. Internet users may download the form from: <http://www.or.blm.gov/johndaysnake-RAC/form-nomination.pdf>.

Dated: September 23, 2004.

**James G. Kenna,**

Associate State Director, Oregon/Washington BLM.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NM-920-1310-04; NMNM 96135]

**Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease NMNM 96135****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NMNM 96135 for lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from March 1, 2004, the date of termination.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lourdes B. Ortiz, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7586.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the