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The Bureau of Land Management will host two public meetings regarding Spring Creek Coal Company's application to lease federal coal adjacent to its Spring Creek Mine in Big Horn County, Mont. The meetings will include a Fair Market Value hearing.

Both meetings will be held March 22, 2006. The first meeting will be at 2 p.m. at Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, 335 West Alger Street, Sheridan, Wyo. The second will be at 7 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Meeting Hall, 630 Cheyenne Avenue, Lame Deer, Mont.

The purpose of the meetings is to have the public identify issues and resource information, including fair market value (FMR) and maximum economic recovery (MER), to be used in the development of the environmental analysis of the Spring Creek's application.

Members of the public can also submit written or email comments to:
BLM Miles City Field Office, Attn: Dan Benoit, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, or MT_Miles_City_FO@BLM.gov. Please put Spring Creek LBA Tract/Dan Benoit in the subject line.

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