

the C-1/16 section corner of said section; thence westerly on the E-W center line of said section to the C 1/4 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N-S center line of said section to the C-S-1/64 section corner of said section; thence westerly on the E-W center line of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of said section to the SW-NW 1/64 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N-S center line of the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of said section to the C-W-NW 1/64 section corner of said section; thence easterly on the E-W center line of the NW 1/4 of said section to the C-E-NW 1/64 section corner of said section; thence northerly on the N-S center line of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of said section to the point of beginning, containing 137.70 acres, more or less.

Sec. 24: N 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4

Total: 425.2 acres

Tract 2:

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

Sec. 15: W 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4

Sec. 22: NE 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4

Sec. 23: SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 N 1/2 NW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4

Total: 242.5 acres

Tract 3:

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

Sec. 25: SW 1/4 SW 1/4

Sec. 26: SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4, W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4

Sec. 27: SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4

Total: 350.0 acres

Tract 4

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

Sec. 30: S 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4

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**

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**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 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](mailto: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

Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area as described in Title 1, Subtitle D of Public Law 106-399. Each member will be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise that qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the categories of interest listed above.

Members of the Steens Mountain Advisory Council are appointed for a 3-year term. Appointment to these four positions will begin on earlier than October 2007 and will end October 2010.

Members will serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees. The Steens Mountain Advisory Council shall meet only at the call of the Designated Federal Official, but not less than once per year.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

**Dana R. Shuford,**

*Burns District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Burns, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability (NOA) To Announce the Release of the Overland Pass Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Overland Pass (OP) Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Pipeline DEIS. The DEIS analyzes the consequences of granting a Right-of-Way (ROW) to the Overland Pass Pipeline Company, LLC for locating a 760-mile, 14-inch and 16-inch diameter NGL pipeline on Federal land.

**DATES:** The BLM will review all public comments if they are submitted within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes this NOA in the **Federal Register**. All public meetings or other involvement activities for the OP NGL Pipeline project will be announced to the public by the BLM at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, Web site announcements, or mailings. The BLM

will not be holding formal public hearings on this DEIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the DEIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local governments and to interested parties that previously requested a copy. The DEIS and supporting documents will be available electronically on the following Web site: <http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/index.htm>.

Copies of the DEIS are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Public Room, 5353 Yellowstone, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003;
- Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third St, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301;
- Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 N., Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901;
- Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office, 312 Highway 189 N., Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101; and
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Pawnee National Grasslands, 660 O Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631.

Copies of the DEIS will also be delivered to public libraries in the following communities:

- Green River, Rock Springs, Rawlins, Laramie, and Cheyenne, Wyoming;
- Greeley, Fort Collins, Yuma, and Wray, Colorado; and
- Colby, WaKeeney, Hays, and McPherson, Kansas.

A limited number of copies of the document will be available as long as supplies last. To request a copy, contact Tom Hurshman, Project Manager, as described below.

Written comments may be submitted by the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/rfo/nepa.htm>.
- *E-mail:* [overland\\_pipeline\\_wy@blm.gov](mailto:overland_pipeline_wy@blm.gov).
- *Facsimile:* (307) 328-4224 Attn: Tom Hurshman, or

• *Mail:* Tom Hurshman, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third St, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Hurshman, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 South Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401. Mr. Hurshman may be reached by telephone at (970) 240-5345.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project would transport up to 150,000 barrels per day of NGL. The proposed OP Pipeline would originate in Opal, Wyoming, and terminate at existing

NGL processing facilities in Conway, Kansas. The OP Pipeline route would cross approximately 123 miles of Federal land in Wyoming and Colorado. In Wyoming, approximately 98 miles of the proposed pipeline route would cross public lands administered by three BLM Field Offices: Kemmerer, Rock Springs, and Rawlins.

In addition, the OP Pipeline location would cross two units of the National Forest System administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. The proposed pipeline location includes approximately 2 miles of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, and approximately 23 miles of the Pawnee National Grassland north of Greeley, Colorado. No Federal land in Kansas would be affected by this proposal.

In the fall of 2005, Williams Field Services, doing business as Overland Pass Pipeline Company LLC (Overland Pass Company), submitted to the BLM an application for a ROW grant across Federal lands to locate a pipeline up to 20 inches in diameter that would be used to transport NGLs from Opal, Wyoming, to an existing processing facility in Conway, Kansas. (NGLs are naturally occurring heavier hydrocarbon liquids that are associated with the production of natural gas such as methane. NGLs include ethane and are primarily used to produce plastics, propane, butanes, and natural gasoline.) On March 24, 2006, the BLM published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and as required by 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2880. To allow the public an opportunity to review the proposal and project information, the BLM held public meetings during April 2006 in Rock Springs and Cheyenne, Wyoming; Greeley, Colorado; and Hays, Kansas. Potential impacts to specific resources such as water quality and quantity, threatened and endangered and sensitive species, construction impacts to vegetation communities and historic trails, and pipeline route and location near residential development were identified during scoping and analyzed in the DEIS. Overland Pass Company made a number of minor re-routes to their original proposal as submitted.

*Three actions were analyzed in the DEIS:* No Action Alternative; Proposed Action Alternative, and the Southern Energy Corridor. The No Action Alternative means that the project as proposed by Overland Pass Company in its ROW application would be rejected by the BLM. Under the No Action