

dates and location of the 2007 Federal Duck Stamp contest, and the species eligible to be subjects for this year's designs. We invite the public to enter and to attend. The 2007 contest will select the image that will grace the 75th Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.

**DATES:** The public may first view the 2007 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1. Judging will be held on Friday, October 12, 2007 beginning at 1 p.m. and on Saturday, October 13, 2007 beginning at 9 a.m., at the Sanibel, FL location.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for complete copies of the contest rules, reproduction rights agreement, and display and participation agreement by calling 1-703-358-2000, or by writing to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4070, Arlington, VA 22203-1622. You may also download the information from the Federal Duck Stamp Web site at <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>.

The contest will be held in Sanibel, Florida at the Big Arts Center, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957. Phone (239)395-0900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Shaffer, Federal Duck Stamp Office, (703) 358-2002, or by e-mail [Laurie\\_Shaffer@fws.gov](mailto:Laurie_Shaffer@fws.gov) or fax at (703) 358-2009.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Background**

On March 16, 1934, Congress passed and President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. Popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act, it required all waterfowl hunters 16 years or older to buy a stamp annually. The revenue generated was originally earmarked for the Department of Agriculture, but 5 years later was transferred to the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to buy or lease waterfowl sanctuaries. Regulations governing the contest appear at 50 CFR part 91.

In the years since its enactment, the Federal Duck Stamp Program has become one of the most popular and successful conservation programs ever initiated. Today, some 1.8 million stamps are sold each year, and as of 2005, Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$700 million for the preservation of more than 5.2 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States. Numerous other birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, and amphibians

have similarly prospered because of habitat protection made possible by the program. An estimated one-third of the Nation's endangered and threatened species find food or shelter in refuges preserved by Duck Stamp funds. Moreover, the protected wetlands help dissipate storms, purify water supplies, store flood water, and nourish fish hatchlings important for sport and commercial fishermen.

#### **The Contest**

The first Federal Duck Stamp was designed at President Franklin Roosevelt's request by Jay N. "Ding" Darling, a nationally known political cartoonist for the *Des Moines Register* and a noted hunter and wildlife conservationist. In subsequent years, noted wildlife artists were asked to submit designs. The first contest was opened in 1949 to any U.S. artist who wished to enter, and 65 artists submitted a total of 88 design entries in the only art competition of its kind sponsored by the U.S. Government. To select each year's design, a panel of noted art, waterfowl, and philatelic authorities are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Winners receive no compensation for the work, except a pane of their stamps, but winners may sell prints of their designs, which are sought by hunters, conservationists, and art collectors.

The public may view the 2007 Federal Duck Stamp entries on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 and through the days of judging. This year's judging will be held on Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13, 2007.

#### **Eligible Species**

The following species are eligible for the 2007 contest: Mallard, American Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintail, Canvasback and Harlequin Duck. Entries featuring a species other than the above listed species will be disqualified.

Dated: September 5, 2007.

#### **H. Dale Hall,**

*Director.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW154432]

#### **Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Wyoming**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the North Maysdorf Coal Tract described below in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 18, 2007. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Robert Janssen, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258, and 307-775-6206, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Cordero Mining Company, Gillette, Wyoming. The coal resource to be offered consists of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in central Campbell County, approximately 2 miles east of State Highway 59, 4 miles south of Bishop Road, and is adjacent to the southern lease boundary of the Belle Ayr Mine and the northwest lease boundary of the Cordero Rojo Mine:

T. 47 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming,  
Section 7: Lots 5, 12, 13, 20;  
Section 8: Lots 3 through 6, 11 through 13.  
Containing 445.89 acres more or less.

The tract is adjacent to Federal coal leases to the north and east held by the Belle Ayr and Cordero Rojo Mines, respectively. It is adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the west and south. It is also adjacent to about 40 acres of private coal controlled by the Cordero Rojo Mine. All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining. Features such as pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, oil and/or gas wells have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of any future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining

or re-established after mining is completed. The surface estate of the tract is owned by Cordero Mining Company, Caballo Rojo, Inc. and Foundation Wyoming Land Company.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mine. On the LBA tract, the Wyodak seam is generally a single seam averaging approximately 70 feet thick. The overburden depths range from 170–360 feet thick on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 54,657,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main Wyodak seam but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. It does not include the adjacent private coal although these reserves are expected to be recovered in conjunction with the LBA. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 3.7:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam mining.

The Maysdorf North LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8586 BTU/lb with about 0.27% sulfur. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the middle of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m., on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available

from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW154432, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Dated: July 10, 2007.

**Alan Rabinoff,**

*Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-110-1492 ES; AZA-30975]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Arizona

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Mohave County, Arizona, have been examined by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Littlefield Unified School District #9 and under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*, and under Sec. 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315(f), and Executive Order No. 6910.

#### Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 39 N., R. 16 W.,

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W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
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E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
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E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 35 acres, more or less, in Mohave County.

The Littlefield Unified School District #9 has not applied for more than the 6,400 acre limitation for recreation uses in a year.

The Littlefield Unified School District #9 has submitted a statement in compliance with the regulations at 43 CFR 2741.4(b). The Littlefield Unified School District #9 proposes to use the land as a site for public school building(s). The first phase of development would be to relocate one or more portable classrooms from the old elementary school campus in Littlefield. Later phases would include constructing permanent facilities for upper-level grades K–12.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 29, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Detailed information including but not limited to, a proposed development plan and documentation relating to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, is available for review at the BLM, Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, Utah 84790.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Ford, Team Lead, 435-688-3271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance of the lands for recreational or public purposes use is in conformance with the BLM Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, dated January 1992, as amended, and would be in the public interest.

All interested parties will receive a copy of this notice once it is published in the **Federal Register**. The notice will be published in the newspaper of local circulation for three consecutive weeks. The regulations do not require a public meeting.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

The lease or conveyance of the land, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat. 391 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals, including all necessary access and exit.

4. All valid existing rights, documented on the official public land records at the time of lease or patent issuance.

5. **CERCLA Term:** "Pursuant to the requirements established by section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (43 U.S.C. 9620(h)) (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1988 (100 Stat. 1670), notice is hereby given that the above-described land has been examined and no evidence was found to indicate that any hazardous substances had been stored for one year or more,