

Sec. 10, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;  
 Sec. 11, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,  
 SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;  
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 N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.  
 T. 4 N., R. 94 W., 6th P.M.  
 Sec. 34, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,  
 E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Containing approximately 1,406.71 acres in Moffat County, Colorado.

Total recoverable reserves are estimated to be 92 million tons. The surface minable coal is ranked as sub-bituminous B coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis for the seams are as follows:

X THROUGH G SEAMS

BTU	10,549 BTU/lb (percent)
Volatile Matter .....	33.52
Moisture .....	15.90
Fixed Carbon .....	44.92
Sulfur Content .....	0.48
Ash Content .....	5.66

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid meets the fair market value (FMV) for the tract as determined by the authorized officer after the Sale. The Department of the Interior 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. 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.

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 payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of the coal mined by surface mine methods and 8 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 offered tract are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the Detailed Statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the Colorado State Office at the address given above. The case file is available for inspection in the Public Reference Room, Colorado State Office, during

normal business hours at the address given above.

**Karen Zurek**,  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-030-1310-DB]

**Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project; Wyoming**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project, Rawlins, Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project FEIS. The FEIS analyzes the environmental consequences of a proposed natural gas development and production operations on the 270,080 acre Atlantic Rim project area. The area is located within the administrative jurisdiction of the BLM Rawlins Field Office, and runs in an arc between Rawlins and Baggs in:

Tps. 12 to 20 N., Rs. 89 to 93 W.,

**Sixth Principal Meridian, Carbon County, Wyoming**

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the FEIS has been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to interested parties. The document is available electronically on the following Web site: <http://www.wy.blm.gov/rfo/nepa.htm>. If you are interested in viewing material referenced or posted to the BLM Web site, please contact the Rawlins Field Office.

Copies of the FEIS will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.
- Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Simons, Project Lead, BLM Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, WY 82301. Requests for information may be sent electronically

to: [atlantic\\_rim\\_eis\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:atlantic_rim_eis_wymail@blm.gov). Mr. Simons may also be reached at (307) 328-4328.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Anadarko E & P Company, LP, is the lead proponent for a proposal to explore for and develop natural gas resources in the Atlantic Rim project area. Double Eagle Petroleum and Mining Company and Warren Resources, Inc., are also participating in this proposal. The Operators propose to drill up to 2,000 wells—1,800 completed to coal formations and 200 to other geologic targets for natural gas. Drilling would occur within the Atlantic Rim Project Area over the next 20 years with life-of-project expected to be 30 to 50 years. Well density completed in coal formations would be up to eight wells per 640-acre section of land; wells in other geologic formations would be spaced no tighter than four wells per section.

The proposal arises from the results of exploratory drilling under an interim drilling plan. Prior to preparation of the Atlantic Rim EIS, six exploratory plans of development (PODs) of up to 24 wells each were completed in areas believed to have potential for commercial quantities of natural gas within the project area. Approximately 325 oil and gas wells have been drilled or approved for drilling within the Atlantic Rim project area.

On June 26, 2001, the BLM published the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project in the **Federal Register**. Based on issues and concerns identified during scoping and throughout the NEPA process, the Atlantic Rim FEIS focuses on impacts to air quality, biological and physical resources, transportation, socio-economics, and cumulative effects. In compliance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, the FEIS includes a biological assessment for the purpose of identifying endangered or threatened species which may be affected by the Proposed Action.

On December 16, 2005, BLM published its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS for this project in the **Federal Register**. The 60-day public comment period ended on February 16, 2006. Over 60,000 comments were received on the Draft EIS.

*The Atlantic Rim FEIS analyzes four alternatives in detail:*

1. The Proposed Action Alternative;
2. Alternative A—The No Action Alternative, which means the project as proposed would be rejected by the BLM;
3. Alternative B—See discussion below;

4. Alternative C—Special protection of sensitive resources; and,

5. Alternative D—Natural gas development with disturbance limitations.

The agency's preferred alternative is Alternative D.

Based on comments received to the draft EIS, the effects of long delays on allowable oil and gas development on leaseholders and mineral rights, and the need for BLM to allow reasonable access across Federal lands for mineral development on private and State lands, Alternative B in the Draft EIS was dropped from further consideration.

The Atlantic Rim FEIS analyzes the impacts of the Proposed Action (development of 2,000 natural gas wells), principally including the construction of access roads, pipelines, and other ancillary facilities (gas processing plant, compressor stations, water disposal sites, etc.). In Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, BLM would reject the proposed action as submitted. For Alternative C, disturbance would be reduced compared to the proposed action and would be intensively mitigated or limited where sensitive resource values exist or overlap. Examples of sensitive resources include threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife; fish and plant species; fragile soils; and unique cultural features. Comments received on the Draft EIS indicated the level of disturbance and number of well pad restrictions may render the project unfeasible under this alternative. Alternative D is similar to the Proposed Action, but would limit surface disturbance to a percentage of the project area at any one time.

Dated: September 8, 2006.

**Donald A. Simpson,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-010-1430-ES; N-79079; 6-08807]

#### Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification in Elko County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for lease and subsequent conveyance under the

provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, approximately 124.67 acres of public lands in Elko County, Nevada. The City of West Wendover proposes to use the lands for public buildings, including a new town hall and a convention center, parks and recreation, parking, and other public uses.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands until January 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to the Elko Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho, Elko, NV 89801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kirk Laird, Geologist, BLM Elko Field Office, (775) 753-0272.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described public lands in Elko County, Nevada have been examined and found suitable for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) and are hereby classified accordingly. The lands include 124.67 acres within the City limits of West Wendover in 5 parcels described by metes and bounds which fall within:

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 33 N., R 70 E.

Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 16, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The proposed developments in section 8 include a hospital, open space, and the Victory Highway Trail. Section 9 will include the proposed city hall and civic plaza. Section 16 will include the proposed public parking, open space, amphitheatre, convention center, city park, and performing arts center. The exact metes and bounds descriptions of the five parcels can be obtained from the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho, Elko, NV, (775) 753-0200. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. The proposed actions are consistent with the BLM Wells Resource Management Plan, approved on July 16, 1985, and would be in the public interest. The Elko Field Office has received from the city of West Wendover an R&PP Act application, together with the requisite filing fee and supporting documents required by 43 CFR 2741.5. The City plans to use the lands for public buildings, including a new town hall and a convention center, parks and recreation, parking, interpretive walking trail, museum, hospital, library, civic center, amphitheatre performing arts center,

and open space. Because the now abandoned Victory Highway runs through the parcels, the City of West Wendover has committed to minimizing damage to this historic property, constructing informational kiosks, and incorporating the remnants of the highway into a city recreational trails plan.

The lease/conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

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

2. All mineral deposits in the land leased or patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the lands under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

The lease/conveyance will be subject to:

1. All valid existing rights;

2. A right-of-way for telephone and telegraph lines granted to Beehive Telephone Company, by right-of-way NVE 001655 (Elko 1655), pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C.1761);

3. A right-of-way for interstate energy facilities granted to Wells Rural Electric, by right-of-way N-39088, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C.1761);

4. A right-of-way for fiber optic facilities granted to Beehive Telephone Company, by right-of-way N-047793, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C.1761);

5. A right-of-way for power lines granted to Wells Rural Electric, by right-of-way N-52413, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C.1761); and

6. A right-of-way for power lines granted to Wells Rural Electric, by right-of-way N-064049, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

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

Detailed information concerning the proposed lease/conveyance, including conditions, planning and environmental documents, is available for inspection at the BLM Elko Field Office at the address stated above in this notice.