

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****U.S. Geological Survey****Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on February 4–5, 2009 at the Hotel Monaco, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The meeting will be held in the Paris West Room.

The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, was established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Transition Activities
- The National Map
- OMB Circular A–16 Supplemental Guidance
- NGAC Vision
- Land Parcel Data Update
- Geospatial Partnerships
- NGAC Communications Activities
- NGAC Action Plan

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment during the afternoon of February 5. Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the U.S. Geological Survey (703–648–6283, [amaher@usgs.gov](mailto:amaher@usgs.gov)). Registrations are due by January 30, 2009. While the meeting will be open to the public, seating may be limited due to room capacity.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 4 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 5.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206–220–4621).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting is available at <http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>.

Dated: January 12, 2009.

**Ivan DeLoatch,**

*Staff Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.*

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

**[F–14914–A, F–14914–A2; AK–965–1410–KC–P]**

**Alaska Native Claims Selection**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Nunapitchuk Limited. The lands are in the vicinity of Nunapitchuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 10374  
Containing 4.79 acres.

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 10 N., R. 73 W.,  
Sec. 19;

Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.

Containing approximately 2,186 acres.

T. 10 N., R. 74 W.,  
Secs. 1 and 2.

Containing approximately 668 acres.

T. 10 N., R. 75 W.,  
Secs. 1 and 12.

Containing approximately 631 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 75 W.,  
Secs. 5, 7, 8, 17, and 18.

Containing approximately 1,834 acres.

T. 7 N., R. 76 W.,  
Secs. 28 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 4,767 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 76 W.,  
Secs. 1 and 2;  
Secs. 11 to 14, inclusive.

Containing approximately 2,100 acres.

T. 9 N., R. 78 W.,  
Secs. 1, 2, and 3;  
Secs. 10 to 15, inclusive;  
Secs. 22 to 27, inclusive.

Containing approximately 7,875 acres.

T. 10 N., R. 78 W.,  
Secs. 1 to 18, inclusive;  
Secs. 22 to 27, inclusive;  
Secs. 34, 35, and 36.

Containing approximately 15,941 acres.

T. 11 N., R. 78 W.,  
Secs. 1 to 30, inclusive;  
Secs. 33 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 12,705 acres.  
Aggregating approximately 48,712 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Nunapitchuk Limited. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in Tundra Drums.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until February 17, 2009 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907–271–5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Charmain McMillan,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication II.*

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

**[CO–921; COC–70538; CO–130; COC 69290]**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Red Cliff Coal Mine and Associated Surface Facilities Including a Railroad Spur Line COC 69290, and Federal Coal Lease by Application COC 70538, in Garfield and Mesa Counties, CO**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) and Fair Market Value (FMV) of Federal

coal to be offered. An application for coal lease was filed by CAM-Colorado, LLC (CAM) on September 12, 2006. As a result, the BLM offers for competitive lease 14,466 acres of Federal coal in Garfield County, Colorado.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the BLM has prepared a DEIS for the proposed Red Cliff Mine, located near Loma, Colorado. The DEIS responds to Right-of-Way (ROW) Applications for a railroad spur and associated mine facilities on Federal Lands, and an electrical transmission line. In addition, a Federal Coal Lease by Application (LBA) was submitted by CAM-Colorado, on September 12, 2006. The BLM is providing this notice to announce the availability of the Red Cliff Mine DEIS, the proposed LBA, and the public hearing requesting comments on the DEIS, MER and FMV, pursuant to 40 CFR 1503.1 and 43 CFR 3425.4.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared in cooperation with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); the Colorado Department of Natural Resources; the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS); the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW); and Garfield and Mesa counties.

The EIS analyzes the development of surface facilities for coal mining associated with CAM's proposed underground Red Cliff Mine, including roads, a water pipeline, electric transmission line, conveyers, coal stockpile and waste disposal areas, a coal preparation plant, the mine portal, other administrative and operations facilities, and a railroad spur line that will connect to the existing Union Pacific Railroad line near Mack, Colorado. The EIS also considers the effects of extracting coal from CAM's existing Federal coal leases, defined as logical mining unit COC-57198, and issuance of an adjoining Federal coal LBA COC-070538. This notice announces the opening of the public comment period for the DEIS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the DEIS, MER, and FMR will be accepted for 60 calendar days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a NOA in the **Federal Register**. The public hearing will be held at a date, time and location to be announced in the local media, displayed on the Web site <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/>, or obtained by calling the BLM Grand

Junction Field Office at 970-244-3000, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/>.
- *E-mail:* [RedCliffMineEIS@urscorp.com](mailto:RedCliffMineEIS@urscorp.com).
- *Fax:* 303 239-3808.
- *Mail:* Glenn Wallace, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215.

Please note that public comments and information submitted, including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments and responses to comments will be published as part of the Final EIS. Copies of the DEIS for the Proposed Red Cliff Coal Mine are available at the Web site <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/>. A limited number of printed copies of the DEIS and copies of the DEIS on compact disk are available at the BLM Grand Junction Field Office, located at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506, and at the Colorado State Office public 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. In addition, a printed copy of the DEIS is available for review at the Fruita Branch Library at 325 E. Aspen Avenue, in Fruita, Colorado and at the Mesa County Central Library at 530 Grand Avenue, in Grand Junction, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Glenn Wallace, 303-239-3736, [glenn\\_wallace@blm.gov](mailto:glenn_wallace@blm.gov), or by mail at 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice of the public hearing at a date, time and location to be announced in the local media, displayed on the Web site <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/>, or obtained by calling the BLM Grand Junction Field Office, 970-244-3000, Monday through Friday between 7:30

a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).

The BLM proposes to offer for competitive lease Federal coal in the lands described as:

- T. 7 S., R. 101 W., 6th P.M. Colorado
  - Sec. 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , lot 8
  - Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$
  - Sec. 16, TR 43, Lots 5 and 6
  - Sec. 17, All
  - Sec. 18, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 5 to 8 inclusive
  - Sec. 19, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 5 to 8 inclusive
  - Sec. 20, All
  - Sec. 21, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 1 and 2
  - Sec. 28, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
  - Sec. 29, All
  - Sec. 30, TR 44, Lots 5 to 10 inclusive
  - Sec. 31, Lots 5 to 8 inclusive
  - Sec. 32, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 1 to 4 inclusive
  - Sec. 33, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 3 and 4
- T. 8 S., R. 101 W., 6th P.M. Colorado
  - Sec. 4, Lot 8
  - Sec. 5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 5 to 20 inclusive
  - Sec. 6, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 8 to 27 inclusive
  - Sec. 7, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 5 to 8 inclusive
  - Sec. 8, All
- T. 7 S., R., 102 W., 6th P.M. Colorado
  - Sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 2 to 4 inclusive
  - Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$
  - Sec. 23, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Lots 1 and 4
  - Sec. 24, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 1 to 4 inclusive
  - Sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 1 to 4 inclusive
  - Sec. 26, All
  - Sec. 35, All
  - Sec. 36, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 1 to 4 inclusive
- T. 8 S., R. 102 W., 6th P.M. Colorado
  - Sec. 1, S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Lots 5 to 20 inclusive
  - Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing approximately 14,466 acres in Garfield County, Colorado.

The public hearing described above is for the purpose of soliciting public input regarding the MER and FMV of the proposed coal lease.

The proposed Red Cliff Mine is located approximately 11 miles north of the towns of Mack and Loma, Colorado, and 1.5 miles east of State Highway (SH) 139. CAM is proposing a new mine portals and associated facilities to extract low-sulfur coal from Federal coal leases C-0125515, C-0125516 and C-0125439 (defined collectively as logical mining unit COC-57198), from LBA COC 070538 filed September 12, 2006, as well as a small amount of private coal. CAM proposes to locate surface facilities on existing and potential new coal leases with the majority of the surface facilities located off-lease on BLM administered public lands within the boundaries of the proposed ROW (approximately 1,140 acres). These facilities will include, but not be limited to, a waste rock pile, railroad loop, unit train loadout, a coal conveyor, storage and equipment yards, sewage treatment plant, water tank, fuel oil storage and

various buildings. County Road (CR) X will be upgraded to serve as the mine access road from SH 139. The railroad spur will be located on BLM and private lands, with the railroad connecting to the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) near Mack, Colorado. The proposed railroad will traverse approximately 9.5 miles of BLM administered public land and approximately 5 miles of private land. A water diversion will be constructed in Mack Wash and the water pipeline will follow the proposed railroad spur. The railroad spur would serve only the Red Cliff Mine for the purpose of transporting coal to market. CAM will own the railroad spur, but the trains using the spur will be operated by the UPRR or other railroad companies. The draft EIS discusses BLM's analysis and proposed conclusion that CAM will not operate a common carrier railroad.

Electric power will be needed at the mine to run the underground mining machinery, the conveyor system, and other mine support facilities. The local utility, Grand Valley Power (GVP), has applied to BLM for a ROW to supply the necessary electric power. GVP will need to construct a new 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Uintah Substation to the mine to supply this power. The transmission line will be approximately 14 miles long, with approximately 7 miles on federally managed lands and 7 miles on private land, depending on which alternative route is chosen. This ROW application is analyzed in the EIS as a connected action as is the LBA filed by CAM (COC-070538) for approximately 11,660 acres adjacent to CAM's existing leases. BLM determined that, if this coal is to be leased, it would be by a competitive bid process. BLM has modified the proposed LBA area to include 14,466 acres.

The EIS analysis area includes a total future lease area of about 23,000 acres which corresponds to the estimated life of the mine.

CAM proposes to conduct underground mining 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year by room and pillar and longwall mining techniques. CAM's production from the Red Cliff Mine would be up to 8 million tons per year of clean coal depending on market conditions, with an estimated mine life of 30 years.

A mine permit application has been filed for CAM's existing leases in accordance with the OSM and the CDRMS regulations. This EIS will meet the NEPA requirements for the mine permit for the existing Federal coal leases, and is intended to provide necessary information to facilitate the

USACE, Colorado Public Utility Commission, and Garfield and Mesa Counties' permitting decisions regarding the project. There will be additional opportunities for public involvement as the mine permit application is processed.

The DEIS analyzes the potential impacts of the proposed action and connected actions and a No-Action alternative. Alternatives to individual project components were considered that were consistent with the purpose and need, which is to mine and transport coal for sale at competitive prices to help supply the energy needs of the United States. Alternatives to project components were included for detailed analysis if they were found to be practical, feasible, reduced environmental impacts, and/or addressed public and agency concerns. A wide range and variety of alternatives were examined, resulting in the following alternative project components that are analyzed in detail: Grade separated railroad crossing at Mesa County Road (CR) M.8; noiseless grade crossings at CR M.8 and CR 10; construction of an electric transmission line along CR 16 crossing BLM and private lands north of the Highline Canal; construction of an electric transmission line along CR 16 to the Highline Canal and then along section lines to avoid as many private land parcels as possible; and construction of an electric transmission line along CR 14 to just north of the Highline Canal and then northwesterly and north to join the proposed railroad alignment east of SH 139.

Required consultations are in progress or have been completed, including consultations with tribal governments and the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by the National Historic Preservation Act; consultations with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as required by the Endangered Species Act; and consultations with the USACE as required by the Clean Water Act.

**Raul Morales,**

*Grand Junction Associate Field Manager.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-070-1430-ET; MTM 73404]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Montana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6912 for an additional 20-year term. The PLO withdrew approximately 490 acres of reserved public minerals from location or entry under the United States mining laws for the BLM to protect the archaeological, historical, educational, interpretive, and recreational integrity of the Mount Haggin Prehistoric Quarry Site in Deer Lodge County. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and to request a public meeting.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by April 16, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Butte Field Manager, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Figarelle, BLM, Butte Field Office, (406) 533-7671, or at the above address, or Sandra Ward, BLM, Montana State Office, (406) 896-5052, or at 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The withdrawal created by PLO No. 6912 (56 FR 60928 (1991)) will expire November 28, 2011, unless extended. The BLM has filed an application to extend PLO No. 6912 for an additional 20-year period. The withdrawal was made to protect the Mount Haggin Prehistoric Quarry Site on the reserved minerals described as follows:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 3 N., R. 11 W.,

Sec. 20, those portions lying east of Highway 274;

Sec. 29, lots 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8, and that portion of lot 6 lying east of Highway 274.

The area described contains approximately 490 acres in Deer Lodge County.

The purpose of the proposed extension is to continue the withdrawal created by PLO No. 6912 for an additional 20-year term to protect the