

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Triton Coal Company, LLC, of Gillette, WY. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located southeast of Wright, Wyoming, in southeastern Campbell County approximately 7 miles east of State Highway 59 and 5 miles south of State Highway 450:

T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 4: Lots 17, 18;

Sec. 5: Lots 17-20;

Sec. 6: Lots 8-23;

Sec. 7: Lots 5-14;

Sec. 8: Lots 1-12;

Sec. 9: Lots 1-8, 11-14;

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 31: Lots 13-20;

T. 42 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 1: Lots 5, 6, 11-14, 19, 20.

Containing 2,812.51 acres, more or less.

The tract is crossed by the Reno County Road and by the rail spur to the North Rochelle Mine and is adjacent to Federal coal leases held by the North Rochelle Mine to the east and the Black Thunder Mine to the north, and to State of Wyoming coal leases to the northwest and southeast. The northwest State lease is controlled by the Black Thunder Mine while the southeast State lease is controlled by the North Antelope/Rochelle Mine. The tract is also adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the south and west.

All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining except lands under the existing rail loop and plant facilities serving the North Rochelle Mine. These areas are protected from premature development by a USDA-Forest Service special use permit, which has determined that these areas are unsuitable for mining. However, these areas can be made suitable for mining by removing these features and using temporary loadout facilities farther west at the end of mine life. Other features, such as the county road, can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, numerous 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 the 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. A small portion of the surface estate of the tract is controlled by the North Rochelle Mine but most of the surface estate is controlled by the United States and the Black Thunder Mine.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. On the tract, the Wyodak is generally a thick seam with one thin upper split and two thin lower splits. The lower splits are not continuous over the LBA tract but are often merged into the main seam. The upper split is generally present but is often too thin to recover. The main seam ranges from about 53-79 feet thick while the splits range from about 0-16 feet thick for the upper one and from about 0-8 and 0-5 feet thick for each of the lower two, respectively, where they occur. The overburden depths range from about 185-465 feet thick on the LBA. The interburden between the upper split and the main seam is from 0-30 feet while the lower splits are from 0-13 feet from the main seam and from 0-7 feet from each other.

The tract contains an estimated 327,186,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main seam and splits mentioned above, but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. The tract includes approximately 76,355,000 tons of mineable coal under the rail spur and plant facilities serving the North Rochelle Mine, which can be mined at the end of mine life. It does not include either the State of Wyoming coal in the northwest, which is expected to be recovered by the Black Thunder Mine, or the State of Wyoming coal in the southeast, which is not expected to be recovered at this time. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 4.3:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The West Roundup LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8790 BTU/lb with about 0.2% sulfur and 1.6% sodium in the ash. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the high end 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. No bid that is

less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. 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 Tuesday, October 26, 2004, 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 of 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, WYW151134, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.

Dated: June 16, 2004.

Alan Rabinoff,

Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-087-5420-PN-D031, D032; GPO-04-0005; IDI-34724, IDI 34725]

Disclaimers of Interest in Lands, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Two applications have been filed by Ann Nilsson for recordable disclaimers of interest in certain lands by the United States.

DATES: Comments or protests to this action should be received by December 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments or protests must be filed with: State Director (ID933), Bureau of Land Management, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathie Foster, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, (208) 373-3863 or Ron Grant, BLM, Cottonwood Field Office, House 1, Butte Drive Route 3, Box 181,

Cottonwood, Idaho 83522, (208) 962-3680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1745), Ann Nilsson has filed two applications requesting the United States issue recordable disclaimers of interest.

One disclaimer of interest has been requested by Ann Nilsson for the following described property, to wit:

The 50.6 acres fronting government lot 8 in section 6 shown on a Record of Survey in T. 34 N., R. 5 W., sections 5, 6, and 8, Boise Meridian, Idaho, executed by Terry Golding, PLS 7379, plat signed August 29, 2003 and on file in the BLM, Idaho State Office in case file IDI 34724.

Another disclaimer of interest has been requested by Ann Nilsson for the following described property:

The 88.6 acres fronting government lots 4, 5, 6, and 7, in section 6 shown on a Record of Survey in T. 34 N., R. 5 W., sections 5, 6, and 8, Boise Meridian, Idaho, executed by Terry Golding, PLS 7379, plat signed August 29, 2003, and on file in the BLM, Idaho State Office in case file IDI 34725.

Ann Nilsson has filed two applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest to lands fronting her property along the Snake River approximately four miles southerly of Lewiston, Idaho. Because of property descriptions differences uncovered during probate, Terry Golding, Idaho PLS 7379, was retained by Ms. Nilsson and others to conduct a private survey of conditions in this township. Mr. Golding followed the record of the 1870 original GLO survey by John B. David since the patents for the lands fronting the possible omitted lands were based on that survey. Based on the applications and Record of Survey by Terry Golding, plat signed August 29, 2003 and on file in the BLM, Idaho State Office in case file IDI 34724 and case file IDI 24725, the original 1871 survey by John B. David erroneously reported the location of the line of ordinary high water for the Snake River. We consider this erroneous

location to be nonsubstantial and thus eligible for a disclaimer of interest according to the case law elements required for omitted lands. Therefore, the applications by Ann Nilsson for disclaimers from the United States will be approved if no valid objection is received. This action will clear a cloud on the title of the applicant's land.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho during regular business hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: July 23, 2004.

Jimmie Buxton,
Branch Chief, Lands and Minerals, Resource Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental document; prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at the number below. Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMS prepares SEAs and FONSI for proposals that relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the SEA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

This listing includes all proposals for which the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region prepared a FONSI in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Western Geco, Geological & Geophysical Exploration Plan for Chevron Texaco SEA L04-08.	Located in the central Gulf of Mexico east of Galveston, Texas.	01-Apr-04.
Texaco Energy Technology, Inc., Geological & Geophysical Exploration Plan SEA L04-09.	Located in the western Gulf of Mexico east of Galveston, Texas.	07-Apr-04.
Helis Oil & Gas Company, LLC, Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 04-051.	South Timbalier, Block 211, Lease OCS-G 16435, located 42 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	13-Apr-04.
Petrobras America, Inc., Initial Exploration Plan SEA N-8009 & N-8011.	Lloyd Ridge, Blocks 45, 46 & 48, Leases OCS-G 23453, OCS-G 23454 & OCS-G 23456, located 105 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline, 162 miles from the nearest Mississippi shoreline, 163 miles from the nearest Alabama shoreline, and 159 miles from the nearest Florida shoreline.	15-Apr-04.