

the BLM Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming will be announced in local media.

If you have concerns or issues that you believe the BLM should address in processing this LBA proposal, you can express them verbally at the scoping meeting; or you can mail, e-mail or fax written comments to BLM at the addresses given below.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address questions, comments or concerns to the BLM Rock Springs Field Office, Attn: Teri Deakins, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901, fax them to 307-352-0329, or email them to the attention of Teri Deakins at [teri\\_deakins@blm.gov](mailto:teri_deakins@blm.gov). Please refer to Ten Mile Rim Lease in the subject field.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teri Deakins or Ted Murphy at the above address, or phone: 307-352-0256.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 28, 2001, Bridger Coal Company filed a coal lease application for the following lands adjacent to the Bridger Mine in Sweetwater County, Wyoming:

**Ten Mile Rim—WYW154595**

- T. 21 N., R. 100 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
 Section 2: Lots 5-8, S2N2, S2;  
 Section 4: Lots 5-8, S2N2, S2;  
 Section 6: Lots 8-14, S2NE, SENW, E2SW, SE;  
 Section 8: All;  
 Section 10: All;  
 Section 12: W2;  
 Section 14: All.
- T. 22 N., R. 100 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
 Section 30: Lots 5-8, E2W2, E2;  
 Section 32: All;  
 Section 34: All;
- T. 22 N., R. 101 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming  
 Section 26: Lots 1-16;  
 Section 34: Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 13, NESE, SWSE.

Containing 7,054.34 acres, more or less.

The tract includes an estimated 110 million tons of in place coal reserves. According to the application the coal would be required to provide fuel to the nearby Jim Bridger Power Plant for an additional 15 to 20 years. Land ownership in the area is checkerboard, where BLM manages for the Federal government approximately every even numbered section.

As part of the coal leasing process, BLM will evaluate the tract configuration and may decide to add or subtract Federal coal to avoid bypassing coal or to increase estimated FMV.

The Bridger Mine, which is adjacent to the Ten Mile Rim LBA Tract, has an approved mining and reclamation plan from the Land Quality Division of the Wyoming Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) and an approved air

quality permit from the Air Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental document. If the tract is leased as a tract then the lease must be incorporated into the existing Jim Bridger Mining and Reclamation Plan and the Secretary of the Interior must approve the revision to the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) mining plan before the Federal coal in the tract can be mined. OSM is the Federal agency that would be responsible for recommending approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval of the revised MLA mining plan to the office of the Secretary of the Interior if the tract were leased.

Tentative issues have been identified as occurring in the area of the Ten Mile Rim LBA Tract or during the processing of previous applications to lease Federal coal in the State of Wyoming. These include:

1. The need for resolution of conflicts between existing and proposed oil and gas development, including coal bed methane, and coal mining on the tracts proposed for leasing;
2. Potential impacts on air and water quality, and the Great Divide Basin Watershed.
3. Subsidence.
4. Potential impacts to surface resources including crucial winter range, raptor nesting, sage grouse, and listed, proposed for listing, candidate, and BLM-sensitive plant and animal species.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. 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.

Preparation of the environmental analysis may include actions that upon review could require an amendment to the Green River RMP. Should actions be found that are not in conformance with the Green River RMP, a planning review

of existing land-use decisions would be conducted at that time.

Dated: November 16, 2001.

**Darla D. Pindell,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**ES-930-01-1300-241A: MSES 46775, MSES 46780, MSES 46782, MSES 46788, MSES 46798, MSES 46800, MSES 46803, MSES 46806, MSES 46809 MSES 47871, MSES 48069, MSES 48070 and MSES 48071; Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Per Public Law 97-451, the lessees timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas leases MSES 46775, MSES 46780, MSES 46782, MSES 46788, MSES 46798, MSES 46800, MSES 46803, MSES 46806, MSES 46809 MSES 47871, MSES 48069, MSES 48070 and MSES 48071, Wayne and Jones Counties, Mississippi. The lessee paid the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The Bureau of Land Management has not issued any leases affecting the lands. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of each lease. The lessee has met the requirements for reinstatement of the leases per Sec. 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate the leases, effective the date of termination, subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the leases;
- The increased rental of \$5 per acre (Non Competitive)
- The increased rental of \$10 per acre (Competitive Leases);
- The increased royalty rate of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent of 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate;
- The \$158 cost of publishing this Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ida V. Doup, Chief, Branch of Use Authorization, Division of Resources, Planning, Use and Protection, BLM Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, (703) 440-1541.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

**Ida V. Doup,**

*Chief, Branch of Use Authorization, Division of Resources Planning, Use and Protection.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[MT-920-02-1310-FI-P; MTM 90089]

### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease MTM 90089

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Per Pub.L. 97-451, the lessee timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease MTM 90089, Sheridan County, Montana. The lessee paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

We haven't issued any leases affecting the lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$10 per acre and 16-2/3 percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$148 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per sec. 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate the lease, effective the date of termination subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the lease;
- The increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- The increased royalty of 16 2/3 percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate; and
- The \$148 cost of publishing this Notice

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Karen L. Johnson, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, BLM Montana State Office, PO Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-896-5098.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

**Karen L. Johnson,**

*Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW 139229]

### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW139229 for lands in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 2/3 percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$158 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW139229 effective July 1, 2001, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Pamela J. Lewis,**

*Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-ET; MTM 26024]

### Opening of Land; Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public Land Order No. 6091, which withdrew 13.42 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for a fire guard station, expired November 22, 2001, by operation of law. This action will open the land to mining. The land has been and will remain open to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 21, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State

Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-896-5052.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Land Order No. 6091, published in the **Federal Register** November 23, 1981 (46 FR 57289), withdrew 13.42 acres of National Forest System land for a period of 20 years for the Thompson Gulch Fire Guard Station. The public land order expired November 22, 2001, by operation of law. The following land is hereby opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws:

### Helena National Forest

Principal Meridian, Montana  
T. 9 N., R. 4 E.,

Secs. 22 and 27, a tract of land lying in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of section 22 and the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 27, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the brass cap quarter corner monument between sections 22 and 27 which is Corner No. 1, the true point of beginning: thence S. 66°38' W., 656.82 feet to Corner No. 2; thence N. 40°37' W., 597.80 feet to Corner No. 3; thence N. 57°01' E., 994.03 feet to Corner No. 4; thence N. 83°40' E., 129.10 feet to Corner No. 5; thence S. 02°15' E., 749.46 feet to the true point of beginning.

The area described contains 13.42 acres in Meagher County.

At 9 a.m. on December 21, 2001, the land shall be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempting adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights, since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: November 6, 2001.

**Thomas P. Lonnie,**

*Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.*  
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