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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Proposed Information Collection; Visitor Use Surveys for Headwaters Forest Reserve and King Range National Conservation Area**

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

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve surveys of visitors to the Headwaters Forest Reserve (Reserve) and the King Range National Conservation Area (KRNCA) in California. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the BLM invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

**DATES:** The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, written comments should be received on or before May 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004-New), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at [oir\\_docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_docket@omb.eop.gov). Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

**Mail:** U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

**Fax:** To Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

**Electronic mail:** [Jean\\_Sonneman@blm.gov](mailto:Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov). Please

indicate "Attn: 1004-New" regardless of the form of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Heppe, Arcata Field Office, at (707) 825-2351 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8339, to contact Mr. Heppe. You may also review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. In order to obtain an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.10(a)).

The BLM published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 2011 (76 FR 6815), and the comment period ended April 11, 2011. The BLM received no comments. The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments as directed under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004-NEW in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that

your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

**Title:** Visitor Use Surveys for Headwaters Forest Reserve and King Range National Conservation Area.

**Forms:** None.

**OMB Control Number:** 1004-New.

**Abstract:** The proposed visitor use surveys would assist the BLM in meeting goals set forth in Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the Reserve and the KRNCA that the BLM approved in 2004 and 2005, respectively. The BLM conducted baseline studies of visitor-use characteristics in the Reserve and the KRNCA in 1999 and 2003, respectively.

In light of the addition of new facilities, the implementation of new management actions, and increasing annual visitation, the BLM needs to conduct new visitor-use studies. The information will assist the BLM in determining changes in visitor characteristics, including demographics, usage, user conflicts, and perspectives on management programs and facilities. The methods will include conducting on-site interviews with visitors on a stratified random sampling basis and distributing mail-back questionnaires. The study will take place during the summer season when visitation rates are highest. Data will be analyzed and a final report developed for both the Reserve and the KRNCA. This collection of information will enable the BLM to respond to problems, protect natural and cultural resources, and develop appropriate interpretive programs.

**Frequency:** One-time.

**Description of Respondents:** Visitors and recreationists.

**Respondents' Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:** The estimated reporting burden for this collection is 1,700 responses and 467 hours. The following table details the individual components and estimated hour burdens of this collection.

#### ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS, RESPONSES AND TIME

| Activity                           | Estimated number of respondents | Estimated number of responses per respondent | Completion time per response (minutes) | Total burden hours |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| Headwaters Visitor Interview ..... | 600                             | 1  | 7                                      | 70                 |

## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS, RESPONSES AND TIME—Continued

| Activity                          | Estimated number of respondents | Estimated number of responses per respondent | Completion time per response (minutes) | Total burden hours |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| Headwaters Mail-back survey ..... | 420                             | 1  | 30                                     | 210                |
| KRNCA Visitor Interview .....     | 400                             | 1  | 7                                      | 47                 |
| KRNCA Mail-back survey .....      | 280                             | 1  | 30                                     | 140                |
| Totals .....                      | 1,700                           | .....  | .....                                  | 467                |

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”*  
Burden: None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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### Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the South Porcupine Coal Tract described below in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be reoffered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

**DATES:** The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2012. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

**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, Wyoming 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 Kathy Muller Ogle, 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 BTU Western Resources, Inc., Gillette, Wyoming. The South Porcupine Tract

was previously offered for sale on February 29, 2012, and the one bid received at that sale was rejected because it did not meet the BLM’s estimate of fair market value. The coal resource to be reoffered consists of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located approximately 1 to 4 miles north of the Campbell/Converse county line, adjacent and up to 2 miles east of the main line railroad, and adjacent to the western and northern lease boundary of the North Antelope Rochelle Mine.

#### T. 41 N., R. 70 W., 6th Principal Meridian

Sec. 7, lots 7 through 10 inclusive and lots 15 through 18 inclusive;  
Sec. 18, lots 6 through 11 inclusive and lots 14 through 19 inclusive;

#### T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th Principal Meridian

Sec. 1, lots 5 through 20 inclusive;  
Sec. 12, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;  
Sec. 13, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;  
Sec. 14, lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 16, and 18;  
Sec. 23, lots 1 and 17; and  
Sec. 24, lots 2 through 4 inclusive and lots 17, 19, and 21.

Containing 3,243.03 acres, more or less, in Campbell County, Wyoming.

The LBA tract is adjacent to Federal leases to the east and south as well as a State of Wyoming lease to the north, all controlled by the North Antelope Rochelle Mine. It is also adjacent to Federal leases to the west across the mainline railroad, which is part of Cloud Peak Energy Resources, LLC’s Antelope Mine. It is adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the west.

Most of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining except for the mainline railroad right-of-way along the western boundary of the LBA. Features such as roads, utilities, and pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. In addition, a producing gas well is located on the LBA as well as several coal bed natural gas wells.

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 consider reasonable

compensation to the gas lessee for lost production of the natural gas when the wells are bought out by the coal lessee. Approximately half of the surface estate of the tract is within the Thunder Basin National Grasslands and managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Most of the other half of the surface estate is owned by various private entities with a small amount owned by a Peabody Energy Corporation subsidiary.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak-Anderson coal zone currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. On the LBA tract, there are two mineable seams, the Wyodak-Anderson 1 (Anderson) and the Wyodak-Anderson 2 (Canyon), located in the southern portion of the LBA that merge into a single seam in the northern portion. The total coal thickness averages about 77 feet with the shallower Anderson seam slightly thicker than the deeper Canyon seam where two seams occur.

The two seams can be separated by as much as 80 feet of interburden. Overburden depths to the Anderson range from about 160 to 460 feet thick.

The tract contains an estimated 401,830,508 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the two seams mentioned above but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. It does not include the adjacent State of Wyoming coal although these reserves are expected to be recovered in conjunction with the LBA tract. It also excludes coal within and along the railroad right of way as required by typical mining practices. The total mineable stripping ratio of the coal in bank cubic yards per ton is approximately 4.8:1. Potential bidders for the LBA tract should consider the recovery rate expected from thick and multiple seam mining.

The South Porcupine LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8,905 British Thermal Units per pound containing about 0.20 percent sulfur. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the high end of the range of coal quality currently being