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NOTICE

Lessee:
Blackhawk Coal Company
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Coal Leases:
SL-029093-046653, SL-071737,
U-058184, U-25485,
U-019254, U-25484,
Blackhawk LMU (UTU-73346)
Meadowlark LMU (UTU-73343)

Sublessee:
Plateau Mining Corporation
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Withdrawal of Coal Leases From
Blackhawk LMU Modification Granted
Meadowlark LMU Application Withdrawn

On November 7, 1990, a logical mining unit (LMU) application (designated the Meadowlark LMU) was filed in this office. The Federal leases included in the application were SL-029093-046653, SL-071737, U-019524, U-25484, and U-25485.

Plateau Mining Corporation (Plateau), the designated operator of the authorized Blackhawk LMU and pending Meadowlark LMU application, submitted a modification to the Blackhawk LMU on November 23, 1998. The modification included the following Federal leases: SL-029093-046653, SL-071737, U-058184, U-25485, and UTU-73975. Leases U-019524 and U-25484 were not included in the modification. Plateau was no longer the sublessee and operator of these leases.

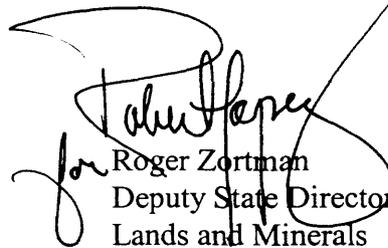
A withdrawal of the Meadowlark LMU was submitted on January 14, 1999. It was to be effective the date BLM approved the modification of the Blackhawk LMU.

Blackhawk Coal Company, as lessee, submitted full relinquishments for leases U-019524 and U-25484 on May 3, 2001.

Plateau submitted a request for postponement of approval of the modification to the Blackhawk LMU on May 21, 2001. This was to allow for additional amendments to the request for modification filed November 23, 1998.

On July 9, 2001, Plateau submitted relinquishments to its subleases in Federal leases SL-029093-046653, SL-071737, U-058184, and U-25485 back to Blackhawk Coal Company. Blackhawk simultaneously relinquished these leases. In addition, Plateau requested simultaneous withdrawal of these leases from the request for modification of the Blackhawk LMU.

Withdrawal of the leases from the modification is hereby granted. We equate this withdrawal of the leases with a withdrawal of the Meadowlark LMU application. Therefore, the Meadowlark LMU application is hereby withdrawn effective July 9, 2001. The Federal leases in the application revert to their individual lease terms and conditions. Their status will be dealt with by decisions in due course.


for Roger Zortman
Deputy State Director
Lands and Minerals

Enclosures:

1. Request For Modification of Blackhawk LMU (UTU-73346) (11 pp)
2. Withdrawal of Meadowlark LMU Application (1 p)
3. Relinquishment of U-019524 (1 p)
4. Relinquishment of U-25484 (1 p)
5. Request For Postponement of Modification Approval (1 p)
6. Request For Withdrawal of Leases From Blackhawk LMU Modification (3 pp)

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