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Dear Interested Party:

Arch Coal, owner of the Skyline Mine on the Manti-La Sal National Forest, has applied for a modification of its Winter Quarters Federal Coal Lease UTU-67939. The modification is being considered by the Bureau of Land Management Price Field Office and would allow the company to expand its underground coal mining operations at the Skyline Mine. The company wants to add approximately 770 acres of unleased Federal Coal Land to the existing lease. Approximately 690 acres of the surface are managed by the Forest Service and 80 acres are privately owned.

The lease modification would allow the company to develop mineable coal reserves on adjacent land that may not otherwise be mined. The coal is used to generate electricity and for other industrial purposes and provides significant economic returns to national, state and local economies.

See Attached Map.

You can read the Notice of Proposed action at
<http://www.sunadvocate.com/index.php?tier=1§ion=legals&pubdate=2011-05-17&ref=section>

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will consider the requested lease modification and determine if it is consistent with Federal Regulations 43 CFR 3425. The Manti-La Sal National Forest (MLNF) will consider whether to consent to the leasing decision by BLM. The original 3291 acre lease was issued by BLM in 1996 with standard coal lease stipulations identified by BLM and the Forest Service. These stipulations are part of the lease agreement which allows for the protection of other natural, non-mineral resources. If the proposed lease modification is issued by BLM, with MLNF consent, mining would continue into the proposed lease modification area in mid 2012.

You are invited to comment on our proposed action. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations 36 CFR 215. Comments can be either oral or written in response to this project. Individuals or representatives from each organization, submitting comments must either sign the comments or otherwise verify identity in order to attain appeal eligibility. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered



part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection. Comments should include the information required pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3), as published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2003.

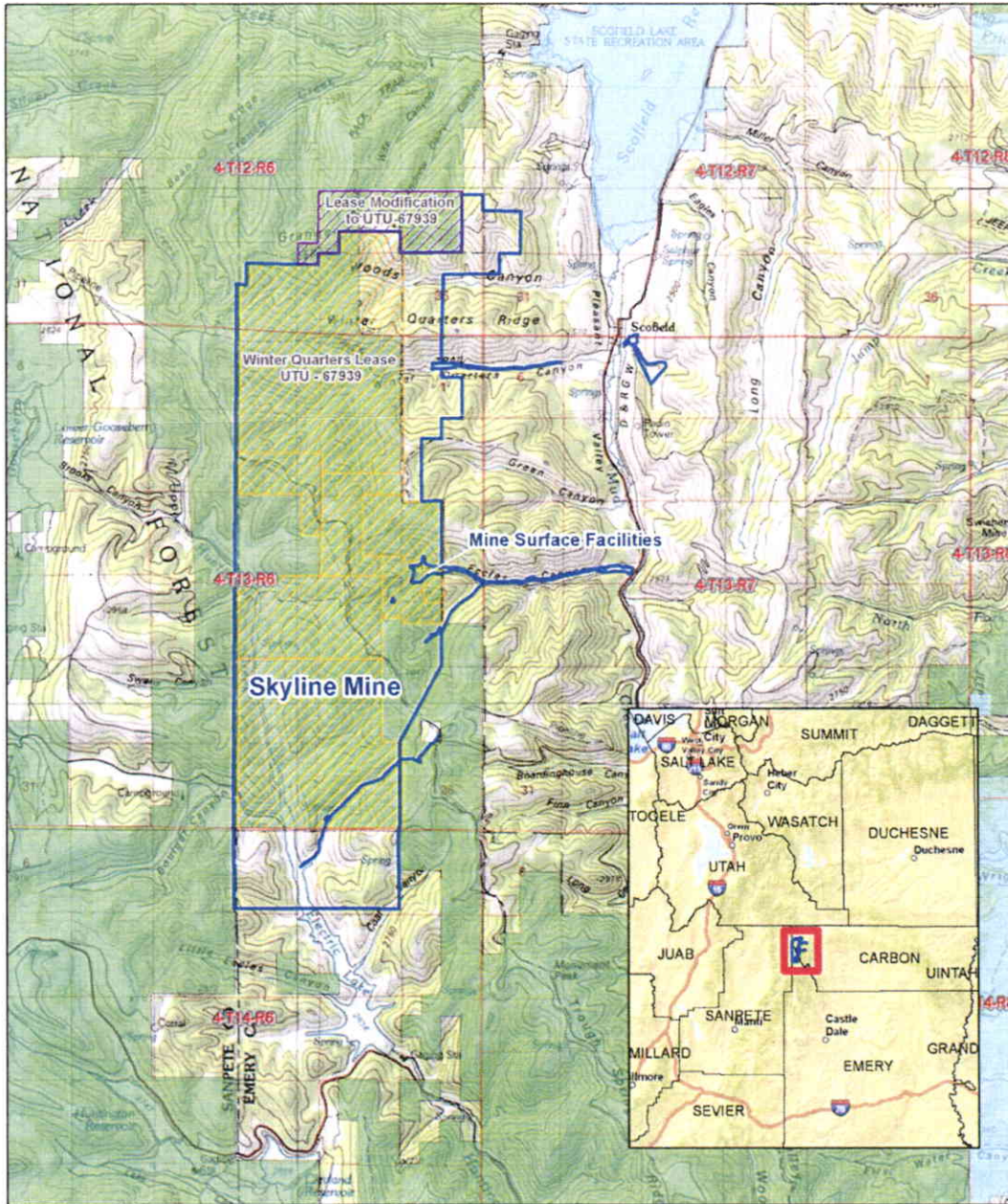
The Responsible Official is Pamela Brown. Please send written comments to: Pam Brown, Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price UT 84501; phone: (435) 637-2817, fax: (435) 637-4940; e-mail: comments-intermtn-manti-lasal@fs.fed.us. E-mailed comments must be submitted in MS Word (*.doc) or rich text format (*.rtf). Comments may also be delivered to the above address during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the Legal Notice of Proposed Action published in the **Sun Advocate**, May 17, 2011.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Proposed Action and the Purpose and Need sent to you, please contact Joe DiBenedetto, Team Leader, 599 West Price River Drive, Price UT, 435-636-3578 or jndibenedetto@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,



PAMELA E. BROWN
Forest Supervisor



	Mine Boundaries	Land Owner	Figure 1 Skyline Mine and Surrounding Area NAD 93 UTM Zone 12 March 15, 2011
	Proposed Lease Modification	Federal	
	Mine Permit Area Boundary	Private	
	Federal Coal Leases	State	