

File in Plateau

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Bureau of Land Management and the Manti LaSal National Forest will hold a public meeting on an application by the Plateau Mining Company for a short-term coal lease on 735.9 acres of federal coal. The meeting will be held Wednesday, December 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the large court room of the Carbon County Courthouse.

The lease area was determined to be suitable for further consideration to lease through the Forest Service land use planning. An Environmental Assessment Technical Examination has been completed. The application has been reviewed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Manti LaSal Forest, and has been found not to be in conflict with management decisions.

The proposed short-term lease includes 615.9 acres on National Forest lands and 120 acres on BLM administered lands located about one mile west of the community of Wattis, which is about 14.5 miles southwest of Price. All mining would be underground and the coal extracted through existing entries. If Plateau is unsuccessful in acquiring the lease, 5,500,000 tons of coal would be bypassed.

The EA-Tech Exam on the proposed short-term lease, as well as the public meeting, addresses impacts on the environment, local community, and other economic activities. This document is available for review in the Moab District Office, 125 West 2nd South, P.O. Box 970, Moab, Utah; Price Area Office, 900 North 700 East, P.O. Drawer AB, Price, Utah; and in the Manti LaSal National Forest Supervisor's Office, 350 East Main, Price, Utah. Additional written comments should be made to any of the above offices by December 24, 1979.

In addition, the public is invited to submit written comments concerning the fair market value of the coal resource to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Geological Survey. Public comments will be utilized in establishing fair market value for the coal resources in the described lands.

Comments should address specific factors related to fair market value including, but not limited to: the quantity and quality of the coal resource, the price that the mined coal would bring in the market place, the cost of producing the coal, the probable timing and rate of production, the interest rate at which anticipated income streams would be discounted, depreciation and other accounting factors, the expected rate of industry return, and the mining method or methods which would achieve maximum economic recovery of the coal. Documentation of similar market transactions, including location, terms, and conditions, may also be submitted at this time.

These comments will be considered in the final determination of fair market value as determined in accordance with 30 CFR 211.63 and 43 CFR 3422.1-2. Should any information submitted as comments be considered to be proprietary by the commentator, the information should be labeled as such and stated in the first page of the submission. Comments should be sent to both the State Director Utah, Bureau of Land Management, 136 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, and to the Regional Conservation Manager, Conservation Division, Geological Survey, Box 25046, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225, to arrive no later than December 24, 1979.

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