

LEASE OFFERING BY SEALED BID  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155. Notice is hereby given that at 1:00 p.m., December 12, 2001, certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Carbon County, Utah will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). **However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer.** A company or individual is limited to one sealed bid. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

This lease is being offered for sale under the provision set forth in the regulations for Leasing on Application at 43 CFR 3425.

The lease sale will be held in the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Suite 302, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1:00 p.m. on December 12, 2001. At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. No bids received after 10:00 a.m., December 12, 2001, will be considered.

**COAL OFFERED:** The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah, approximately 4 miles north of East Carbon City, Utah:

T.13S., R. 13E., SLM, Utah  
Sec. 35, S2SW, SE

T.14 S., R.13 E., SLM, Utah  
Sec. 1, lots 2-7, SWNE, S2NW, SW, W2SE;  
Sec. 12, lots 1-4, S2N2, NESW, SE;  
Sec. 13, NENE.

T. 14, S., R. 14E., SLM, Utah  
Sec. 6, lot 6;  
Sec. 7, lots 3 and 4;  
Sec. 18, lot 1 E2NW.

Containing 1,646.34 acres

The minable portions of the seams in this area are from 6 to 9 feet in thickness and average 8 feet. This tract contains an estimated 14.8 million tons of recoverable coal.

The estimated coal quality using weighted averaged of samples on an as-received basis is:

13.256	BTU/lb.;
4.70	Percent moisture;
1.26	Percent sulphur;
5.60	Percent ash;
45.98	Percent fixed carbon;
36.87	Percent volatile matter.

(Totals do not equal 100% due to rounding)

**RENTAL AND ROYALTY:** A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment and an annual rental of \$3 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with BLM Manual 3070.

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:** Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease are available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 or in the Public Room (Room 400), 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair market Value or royalty rates except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

-s- Joseph J. Incardine  
Acting Deputy State Director,  
Lands and Minerals

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and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the premises situated in said County and State described as:

Beginning 124.5 feet east of the Northwest corner of Block 19, Price Township survey, Running Thence East 45 Feet; Thence South 139.5 feet; Thence West 45 feet; Thence North 139.5 Feet to Beginning.

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 230 East 100 South, Price, UT 84501. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The current beneficiary of the Trust Deed as of the date of this notice is: Bank One, National Association, F/K/A The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee and the record owners of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default is/are: James C Mitchell Jr and Amy Lin Mitchell.

Fidelity National Title Ins Company,  
P.O. Box 22010, El Cajon, Ca 92022-9004  
Signature/by: Kathy Rush Authorized  
Signature Dated November 9, 2001

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Application for Phase I Bond Release  
Gordon Creek No. 27/8 Mines  
Permit #ACT/007/016  
Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C.  
P.O. Box 591  
Somerset, Colorado 81434**

Mountain Coal Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado, 81434, a wholly owned subsidiary of Arch Western Resources, L.L.C., has filed with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining an application for partial release of the reclamation performance bond for it's Gordon Creek No. 27/8 Mines.

The company has completed Phase I of the approved reclamation plan for the Gordon Creek No. 27/8 Mines. This is based upon the completion of backfilling, grading, topsoil replacement and drainage control in accordance with the approved plan. There were approximately 34.88 acres of disturbed area associated with this operation. Of this, approximately 1.63 acres were associated with the new sediment ponds (to be reclaimed at a later time) and 0.73 acres were associated with the Sweet's Canyon Pond, which will not be reclaimed. Phase I Bond Release is requested on all reclaimed area, exclusive of the above pond areas, or 32.52 acres.

The present bond posted for this site is \$641,443.00. This is a surety bond. Mountain Coal Company is hereby applying for release of 60% of the original bond, or \$384,865.00.

The Gordon Creek No. 27/8 Mines are located in Bryner Canyon, approximately 20 road miles northwest of Price, Utah. The permit area is described as follows:

Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLBM, Utah  
Sec. 17: SE1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4  
Sec. 18: N1/2 SE1/4, N1/2 SW1/4 SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE1/4 SW 1/4, SE1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4

The permit area is located on the Jump Creek, Utah, U. S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map.

Federal Coal Leases were #U-53159 and #U-8319, now relinquished.

The Gordon Creek No. 27/8 Mines have been operated and reclaimed under permit ACT/007/016. The existing permit was renewed and approved on August 28, 1999.

The Gordon Creek No. 27/8 Mines were closed in November, 1990. Site demolition was completed in 1991. Backfilling and grading started in 1995 and finished in August 1997. Additional regrading was completed in July, 1999.

This notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said act.

Written comments or objections may be submitted to: State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.  
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