

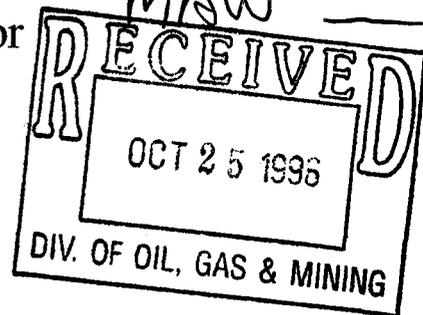


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Mr. James W. Carter, Director
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Dear Mr. Carter:

ACT 1007 1038 #2

On March 25, 1995, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation filed a coal lease application with this office, which was assigned Serial No. UTU-73975, commonly referred to as the Willow Creek North Tract.

The coal resource to be offered as the Willow Creek North Tract consists of all coal recoverable in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah.

T. 12 S., R. 9 E., SLM
Sec. 25, lots 1-4, W2E2, W2 (all);
Sec. 26, E2E2.

T. 12 S., R. 10 E., SLM
Sec. 28, E2, E2W2, SWNW, W2SW;
Sec. 29, N2N2, S2NW, NWSW, E2SE;
Sec. 30, lots 1-4, NE, E2W2, N2SE, SWSE.

containing 2,299.40 acres

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to hold a coal sale for the Willow Creek North Tract on December 18, 1996.

In accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3420.4-3, we are requesting your recommendations as to whether to lease the above described lands. Although the regulations allow 30 days for your comments, your earliest response would be greatly appreciated.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for leasing of the Willow Creek North Tract, and the Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Record (FONSI/DR) will follow under separate cover.

Douglas M. Kozz
Deputy State Director,
Natural Resources