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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO HOLD JOHN BELL HEARING

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The Bureau of Land Management and the Manti LaSal National Forest Service will hold a public meeting on an application by John Bell Coal Company for a short term coal lease on 40 acres of federal land. The meeting will be held Thursday July 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the large court room of the Carbon County Court House in Price.

According to Samuel Rowley, San Rafael Area Manager, an Environmental Assessment Report and Technical Examination has been completed. The application has been reviewed by the BLM and the Manti LaSal National Forest and has been found not to be in conflict with management decisions.

The proposed short term lease includes 40 acres on National Forest lands in Cottonwood Canyon approximately 10 miles northwest of the community of Orangeville. All mining would be underground and the coal extracted through existing entries. The coal would be mined by a continuous miner using the room and pillar method.

The EAR-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.

Public review and additional written comments should be made to any of the
above offices by July 21, 1978.