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Coal mine planned near Bryce Canyon

BLM official expects the debate to weigh environment vs. jobs

By Mike Gorrell
The Salt Lake Tribune

The federal Bureau of Land Management is about to begin an environmental impact study on a proposed surface coal mine just south of the Kane County town of Alton but also fairly close to Bryce Canyon National Park.

That location is likely to spark a "jobs vs. environmental protection" debate as the BLM's Kanab Office considers the Coal Hollow Mine proposal submitted by Alton Coal Development LLC, a small company based in Huntington, Emery County.

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"The proximity to the national park puts this one way up on our radar screen," said Stephen Bloch,

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Proposed coal mine

The federal Bureau of Land Management is in the early stages of drafting an environmental impact statement on a proposal to develop a small surface coal mine south of Alton, a small farming community off U.S. Highway 89 in the valley between the Markagunt and Paunsaugunt plateaus.

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Bureau of Land Management-led report of disregarding science and economics in favor of politics.

BLM Director Kathleen Clarke defended the inventory.

"We're not attempting to color this data. It is a study that is scientific. It is unbiased," said Clarke. "It gives us a

barrels of oil could not be tapped, most of it in Alaska and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, an area the Bush administration has been trying for years to open to drilling. About 9.8 billion barrels are subject to varying degrees of restrictions.

Four of the basins studied

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were partially in Utah, crossing into neighboring states: The Uinta-Piceance, the Paradox-San Juan, the Wyoming Thrust Belt, and the Greater Green River Basin.

The oil and gas industry enjoyed far greater access to those basins than others

tional importance underlying public lands, multiple-use lands, are closed off by an assortment of restrictions," said Richard Ranger, an exploration manager with the American Petroleum Institute. He said the industry will likely use the report to bolster its case for more access to federal land.

But Peter Morton, a

Coal mine plan stirs opposition

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staff attorney for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

The mine is projected to create about 50 jobs in Alton, a livestock and ranching community of 134 residents, according to the 2000 census. Its median household income that year was $30,833, with 23.8 percent of the population living below the poverty line.

The proposed mine would yield about 2 million tons of coal annually. The coal would be trucked from the mine site, about three miles south of Alton, up U.S. Highway 89 to State Route 20 and then down Interstate 15 to a coal loadout facility west of Cedar City.

About 190 truck trips are anticipated each weekday.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining already is processing an Alton Coal Development application to start the strip mine on 440 acres of private land. That process began in June.

The environmental study technically will address the

Proposed impact of coal mine

- **Location:** Three miles south of Alton, Kane County
- **Production:** Surface mining of 2 million tons annually
- **Distribution:** Via 190 coal trucks every weekday
- **Employment:** 50 people working two shifts, five days a week, 240 days a year
- **Surface area:** About 4,000 acres of private and BLM lands

Source: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

- **TO MAKE COMMENTS:** E-mail to UT_Kanab_Altoncoal@blm.gov; mail to Keith Rigtrup, BLM Kanab Field Office, 318 N. 100 East, Kanab, UT 84741; or fax to Rigtrup at 435-644-4620.

idea of attaching nearly 3,600 acres of BLM land to that project. The federal lands surround the private parcel and another 380 acres of private property that would be part of the overall mine site.

Alton Coal Development initially applied to lease the federal coal rights on Nov. 12, 2004. After two years of review, the BLM state office established boundaries for the lease application, estimated it contains about 46 million tons of coal, and recommended the BLM's Kanab office begin its environmental process.

Tuesday's *Federal Register*, which provided notice of the environmental study process, said public scoring meetings will be conducted in Alton, Kanab, Panguitch, Cedar City and Salt Lake City. Dates and times will be announced on the state BLM Web site. None had been listed there by late Tuesday.

Development proposals for the Alton coal field are nothing new.

A study by geologist H.H. Doelling for what was is now the Utah Geological Survey estimated the Alton coal field encompasses 175 square miles beneath Kane and Garfield counties.

Doelling said almost 200 million tons of coal are within 200 feet of the surface, and thus considered suitable for strip mining.

A quarter century ago, the BLM withdrew about 184,000 acres from future consideration for coal mining because those lands were visible from Bryce Canyon and would denigrate the recreational experience of park visitors.

"That fact that this is part of a previously rejected proposal sends up a red flag," said the alliance's Bloch. "The [federal] Office of Surface Mining designated this area as unsuitable for mining 25 years ago. Some of the concerns we have initially are similar to the ones raised back then — water and air quality, not only to local residents but also to Bryce Canyon National Park."

Allen Childs, project manager for Alton Coal Development, was traveling Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.

State mining regulator Pamela Grubaugh, who has been processing Alton Coal Development's state permit application, said Tuesday that Childs is aware of the controversy likely to surround the project.

"They know they will get a lot of response from the environmental quality and want to demonstrate that they can mine responsibly and in good fashion," she said, noting that Alton Coal Development's application, like most initial mining permit requests, still needs more detailed information about numerous issues.

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dwelling units per acre on the property. The subject property is 1.13 acre.

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CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held in the Taylorsville Council Chambers, 2600 West Taylorsville Boulevard, Taylorsville, Utah, on December 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. before the Taylorsville City Council, for the following item:

An application has been submitted by Curtis Ingleby, to amend the Taylorsville General Plan on property located at 5250 South 3200 West. The general plan amendment request is from "Low Density Residential" to "High Density Residential." The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application to the City Council.

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MIDVALE CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The public is invited to attend a public hearing before the Midvale City Planning Commission on Wednesday, December 13th, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Midvale City Council Chambers located at 655 West Center Street, Midvale, Utah. The Planning Commission will be considering a Large Scale Master Planned Development/Small Scale Master Planned Development and Preliminary Subdivision request by Welles Cannon to develop the property at 7800 South State Street into 96 multiple family units.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting or contact Brian Tucker in the Midvale City Planning and Zoning Department at (801) 567-7229 for more information.

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