
CHAPTER 5: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

INTRODUCTION

In addition to this EIS, other factors and consultations are considered and play a major role in determining the decision on this proposed lease application. These include the following.

Regional Coal Team Consultation

The West Hay Creek coal lease application was reviewed and discussed at the October 25, 2000 PRRCT public meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Triton Coal Company presented information about their existing mine and pending lease application at that meeting. Voting and nonvoting members of the PRRCT include the governors of Wyoming and Montana, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Crow Tribal Council, the USFS, OSM, FWS, National Park Service, and USGS. The PRRCT determined that the lands in the application met the qualifications for processing as production maintenance tracts. The PRRCT recommended that the BLM continue to process the WHC lease application.

Governor's Consultation

The BLM Wyoming State Director notified the Governor of Wyoming on October 3, 2000 that Triton had filed a lease application with BLM for the West Hay Creek LBA tract.

Public Notice

A notice announcing the receipt of the TCC coal lease application was published in the *Federal Register* on September 12, 2000. BLM published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping in the *Federal Register* on June 25, 2002.

A press release announcing the public scoping meeting was mailed on June 4, 2002 to various media contacts. A letter describing the LBA tract and announcing the public scoping meeting was mailed to the public on June 14, 2002. The public scoping meeting was held on June 26, 2002 in Gillette, Wyoming. At the public meeting, Triton personnel orally presented information about their mine and their need for the coal. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period, during which one oral comment was received. The scoping period extended from June 1 through July 31, 2002 during which time BLM received six written comments.

A press release announcing the release of the draft EIS and notice of the formal public hearing was mailed to various media contacts on March 25, 2003.

The EPA published a Notice of Availability for the DEIS in the *Federal Register* on March 28, 2003. The BLM published a Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearing for the DEIS in the *Federal Register* on March 21, 2003. A 60-day comment period on the DEIS ran through May 30, 2003. A formal public hearing was held on April 16, 2003 to solicit public comments on the DEIS, the fair market value, the maximum economic recovery, and the proposed competitive sale of coal from the LBA tract. Following the comment period on the DEIS, the FEIS was prepared. Comments received from the public, state, and federal agencies on the DEIS are included in Appendix H of this FEIS. Parties on the distribution list will be sent copies of the FEIS, and the EPA and BLM each will publish a Notice of Availability for the FEIS in the *Federal Register*. After a 30-day availability period, BLM will make a separate decision to hold or not to hold a competitive lease sale for this tract. Copies of the ROD will be mailed to parties on the mailing list and others who commented on this LBA during the NEPA process. .

Department of Justice Consultation

After a competitive coal lease sale, but before a lease is issued, BLM will solicit the opinion of the DOJ on whether the planned lease issuance creates a situation inconsistent with federal anti-trust laws. The Department of Justice is allowed 30 days to make this determination. If the DOJ has not responded in writing within the 30 days, BLM can proceed with issuance of the lease.

Other Consultations

Other federal, state, and local governmental agencies that were directly consulted in preparation of this EIS are listed in Table 5-1.

List of Preparers

Environmental Solutions, Inc. (ESI), a third party contractor under the direction of the BLM prepared this EIS. Representatives from BLM and OSM contributed to and participated in the preparation of the EIS. Tables 5-2 and 5-3 provide listings of the BLM, OSM, and the third-party consultant personnel who participated in the preparation and review of this EIS.

Distribution List

This EIS was distributed to numerous Congressional offices, federal agencies, state governments, local governments, industry representatives, interest groups, and individuals for their review and comment (table 5-4).

**TABLE 5-1
OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES
CONSULTED IN EIS PREPARATION**

Agency or Organization	Individual	Position
Powder River Regional Coal Team	5 Voting Members and 21 Nonvoting Members	
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Wyoming Department of Administration and Information	Wayne Liu	Division of Economic Analysis, Senior Economist
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USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service	Randy White	Soil Scientist

**TABLE 5-2
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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Western Regional Coordinating Center	
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**TABLE 5-4
BLM DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR COAL LEASING**

Powder River Regional Coal Team

Voting Members

Governor of Wyoming Dave Freudenthal	Governor of Montana Judy Martz
BLM Wyoming State Director Bob Bennett	BLM Montana State Director
BLM Wyoming Deputy State Director Alan Rabinoff	

Powder River Regional Coal Team

Non-Voting Member Agencies and Organizations

OSM, Western Regional Coordinating Center	USDA Forest Service, Med. Bow Nat. Forest
Devils Tower National Monument	BLM Montana State Office
USGS, Denver Federal Ctr.	BLM Wyoming State Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Billings Montana	BLM Washington Office
Crow Tribal Council	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
Big Horn County, Montana, Planning Board	Powder River County, Montana
Rosebud County, Montana	Campbell County, Wyoming
USDI Rocky Mountain Regional Solicitor's Office	City of Gillette, Department of Community Development
USFWS, Cheyenne, WY	

Federal & State Officials

U.S. Senator Mike Enzi	U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin
U.S. Senator Craig Thomas	Wyoming Representative Deborah Alden
Wyoming Senator Jim Anderson	Wyoming Senator Dick Erb
Wyoming Representative Dave Edwards	Wyoming Representative Jene Jansen
Wyoming Senator John Hines	Wyoming Representative George McMurtry
Wyoming Representative Frank Latta	Wyoming Rep. Jeff Wasserburger
Wyoming Representative Fred Parady	

Federal Agencies

BLM Washington Office	BLM Casper Field Office
BLM Buffalo Field Office	BLM Powder River Field Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Department of Energy
Bureau of Reclamation	Federal Highway Administration
EPA Region VIII	Mineral Management Service
HQ-USAF/CEVP	National Park Service, Air Resources Div.
National Park Service, Washington Office	Office of Surface Mining, Washington D.C.
USFWS, Washington, D.C.	OSM, Casper Field Office
U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USGS, Water Resource Div.	USDA Forest Service, Douglas Ranger District
USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region	USDI Natural Resources Library
USDI Denver, Colorado	

State Agencies

Montana Office of the Governor	Wyoming Clearinghouse Coordinator
WY Employment/Research/Planning Dept.	Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality-- Land Quality & Air Quality Divisions
Wyoming Office of Federal Land Policy	Wyoming Div. of Economic Analysis
Wyoming Parks & Cultural Res. Dept.	Wyoming Oil and Gas Cons. Comm.
Wyoming Department of Transportation	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Wyoming Department of Education	Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
Wyoming Game & Fish Department	Wyoming Business Council
Wyoming Department of Agriculture	Wyoming Industrial Siting Division
Wyoming Public Service Commission	Wyoming State Geological Survey
Wyoming State Inspector of Mines	Wyoming Water Development Commission
Wyoming Office of the State Treasurer	Wyoming State Planning Coordinator

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Local Agencies and Government	
Campbell County, Wyoming School Superintendent City of Gillette, Wyoming	Campbell County, Wyoming Commission Weston County, Wyoming Commission
Tribal Organizations and Individuals	
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Eastern Shoshone Business Council Crow Tribal Cultural Coordinator Eastern Shoshone Cultural Coordinator Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Northern Arapahoe Business Council Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Northern Cheyenne Traditional Spokesperson Oglala Lakota Tribe S. Cheyenne/S. Arapaho Tribes Santee Sioux Tribe Standing Rock Sioux Historic Preservation Officer	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Cheyenne River Sioux Historic Preservation Officer Crow Tribe Eastern Shoshone Tribal Attorney Long Sioux, Clifford Northern Arapaho Historian Northern Cheyenne Tribe Northern Cheyenne Historic Preservation Officer Rosebud Sioux Cult. Resource Coordinator Rosebud Sioux Tribe Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Organizations	
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Cheyenne Audubon Society Biodiversity Conservation Alliance. Medicine Wheel Coalition National Mining Association Natural Resources Defense Council Powder River Basin Resource Council The Fund for Animals Wildlife Management Institute Wyoming Bankers Association Wyoming Geological Association Wyoming Outdoor Council Wyoming Wildlife Federation	Campbell County Economic Dev. Corp. Foundation for N. American Wild Sheep Izaak Walton League of America Murie Audubon Society National Wildlife Federation Petroleum Association of Wyoming Sierra Club (Sheridan, Wyoming) The Nature Conservancy WY Assoc of Professional Archeologists Wyoming Business Alliance Wyoming Mining Association Wyoming Stock Growers Association Wyoming Wool Growers Association
Companies/Businesses	
American Colloid Company Ark Land Company Belle Ayr Mine Bridgeview Coal Company Burlington Northern Railroad Company CH2M Hill Consol, Inc., Exploration & Land Dept Decker Coal Company Ducker, Montgomery, Lewis, & Aronstein ECC Environmental Solutions, Incorporated Foster-Wheeler Environmental Greystone Independent Consultants Network Intermountain Resources	Antelope Coal Company Arnjac Bjork, Lindley, Danielson & Baker, P.C. Buckskin Mine Burns & McDonnell C.H. Snyder Company CE&MT, Incorporated Cordero-Rojo Mine Complex Dry Fork Coal Company Eagle Butte Mine Evergreen Enterprises Glenrock Coal Company Jacobs Ranch Coal Corporation Kenneth R. Paulsen Consultants Kiewit Mining Company

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Companies/Businesses (continued)	
Kennecott Energy Company	L.E. Peabody & Associates
KN Energy	Majestic Petroleum Operations, LLC
Marquiss Minerals Inc.	Marston & Marston
M&K Oil Company, Incorporated	McVehil-Monnett Associates, Inc.
McGraw-Hill	Meineadair Consultants
Mine Engineers, Incorporated	Nerco Coal Company
Mining Associates of Wyoming	Norwest Mine Services
North Rochelle Mine	Pacificorp/Interwest Mining
P&M Coal Company	Poudre Environmental Consulting
PIC Technologies	RAG Coal West, Incorporated
Powder River Coal Company	Riverside Technology, Incorporated
Powder River Energy Corporation	San Juan Coal Company
Redstone Resources	The Rim Companies
Royal Gold Incorporated	Thunder Basin Coalition
Shea & Gardner	Thunderbird Wildlife Consulting
Thunder Basin Coal Company	TRC Environmental
Torch Energy	Triton Coal Company
URS Greiner Woodward Clyde	U.S. West Communications
Western Energy Company	Western Fuels Association
Western Gas Resources	Williams Production RMT Company
WWC Engineering	Wyodak Resources Dev. Corporation
Yates Petroleum Company	
Press	
Casper Journal	Associated Press
Cheyenne-Wyoming Eagle	Casper Star Tribune
Gillette News-Record	Douglas Budget
Western Coal Newsletter	Rocky Mountain Oil Journal
Educational Institutions	
CSU, The Libraries	Northwestern Univ. Policy Research Inst.
UW Libraries, Coe Reference Department	
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Carter, Wilma McGee	Cook, Cecle & Lavern Trust
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