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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing you with a copy of the attached Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record for the Ten Mile Rim Coal Lease-by-Application project for your information and use. The Decision Record identifies BLM's decision, explains the rationale for reaching the decision, and identifies measures to protect the environment.

The Environmental Assessment was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, other regulations and statutes to fully disclose potential impacts of the proposal to competitively lease coal and the subsequent development of an underground coal mine and the alternative of no action. The BLM released a scoping notice to the public on November 9, 2001. A draft environmental assessment was released to the public on January 22, 2004, and the final environmental assessment on June 7, 2004. All comments received during the environmental assessment process have been considered and documented in the analysis and/or the decision. BLM has provided responses to the comment letters received during the review of final environmental assessment (refer to Attachment 3 of the attached decision). No unresolved issues remain.

The BLM wishes to thank those who provided input during the analysis process. Your input is essential in assuring all issues important to you were fully considered. Should you have questions regarding this document, please contact either Bob Janssen at 307-775-6206 or Julie Weaver at 307-775-6260.

Sincerely,

*for* Robert A. Bennett  
State Director

Attachment