DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the
Buckingham Coal Company Federal
Coal Lease Application Environmental
Assessment and Public Hearing, Perry
and Morgan Counties, OH

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Federal coal management regulations, the Buckingham Coal Company, Federal Coal Lease by Application (LBA) Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and comment. A public hearing will be held to receive comments on the EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Fair Market Value (FMV), and Maximum Economic Recovery (MER) of the coal resources for Buckingham Coal Company LBA OHES–57390.

DATES: The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on June 4, 2015. Written comments must be received within 30 days following the date of the public hearing.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Trimble High School Cafeteria, One Tomcat Drive, Glouster, Ohio 45832. Written comments on the EA, the FMV, and MER of the Federal coal would therefore be bypassed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael W. Glasson, Solid Minerals Program Lead, telephone: 202–912–7723; or email: mglasson@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact Mr. Glasson during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for Mr. Glasson. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Buckingham Coal Company filed an LBA with the BLM in December of 2011, to lease Federal coal in Perry and Morgan Counties, Ohio. The U.S. Forest Service (FS) completed an EA and FONSI on March 11, 2014 and issued its consent to lease on March 11, 2014. The BLM anticipates issuing a Decision Record after the public meeting announced by this Notice and after having considered any comments received on the EA, FMV, and MER.

The lands included in the Buckingham Coal Company Federal Coal LBA OHES–57390 are located in Perry and Morgan Counties, Ohio, approximately 2–4 miles east of Corning, Ohio. The lands are described as follows:

Parcel #1, Tract X32,
Section 12, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.
Containing 6.00 acres.

Parcel #2 Tract X76,
Section 24, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.
Containing 10.00 acres.

Parcel #3 Tract X41,
Section 14, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.
Containing 80.00 acres.

Parcel #4 Tract X37,
Section 13, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.
Containing 109.25 acres.

Parcel #5 Tract X38,
Section 13 and Tract X33, Section 24, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.
Containing 80.00 acres.

Parcel #6 Tract X35,
Section 18 and Tract X38, Section 19, T. 8 N., R. 13 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.
Containing 60.94 acres (A subsurface ownership difference will be resolved on this parcel prior to lease issuance).

Parcel #7 Tract X81,
Section 24, T. 12 N., R. 14 W., Ohio River Survey Meridian, Ohio.
Containing 86.25 acres.

Parcel containing 432.44 acres.

The company plans to mine the Federal coal as an extension from its existing underground mine if the lease is obtained. The proposed mine would recover coal from the Middle Kittanning seam at the base of the Pennsylvanian aged Lower Freeport Sandstone. As required under 43 CFR 3425.4, the public is invited to the hearing to give public oral and/or written comments on the EA, the FMV, and MER of the Federal tract. Written comments must be received within 30 days following the date of the public hearing. The meeting is being advertised in the Athens News, Athens Messenger and the Logan Daily area newspapers.

The EA addresses the cultural, socioeconomic, environmental and cumulative impacts that would likely result from leasing these coal lands. Two alternatives are addressed in the EA:

Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) The tract would be leased, as applied for.

Alternative 2 (No Action) The application would be rejected or denied. The Federal coal would therefore be bypassed.

Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the BLM in response to the solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and the regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on FMV and MER, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the Eastern States Office, 20 M Street SE., Suite 950, Washington, DC 20003, 9th Floor, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Written comments on the FMV and MER should address, but need not be limited to the following:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resource;
2. The mining methods or methods which would achieve MER of the coal, including specifications of seams to be mined and the most desirable timing and rate of production;
3. Restrictions to mining that may affect coal recovery;
4. The price that the mined coal would bring when sold;
5. Costs, including mining and reclamation, of producing the coal and the time of production;
6. The percentage rate at which anticipated income streams should be discounted, either with inflation or in the absence of inflation, in which case the anticipated rate of inflation should be given;
7. Depreciation, depletion, amortization and other tax accounting factors;
8. The value of any surface estate where held privately;
9. Documented information on the terms and conditions of recent and similar coal land transactions in the lease sale area; and
10. Any comparable sales data of similar coal lands and coal quantities.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR 3425.4.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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San Juan Islands National Monument

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (MAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The MAC will meet on three separate dates in the next two months. The meetings on May 28 and June 5 are scheduled for 8:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m. at the San Juan Island Grange, 152 N 1st Street, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250. The meeting on June 9 is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m. at Brickworks, 150 Nichols St., Friday Harbor, Washington 98250.

Thursday, May 28, 2015: Meeting discussions will include an update on outcomes of the scoping process in March 2015. The MAC will be guided through the planning process steps, with definitions of key steps, such as Issues Identification. The committee will then review the variety of resource comments as well as the list of preliminary planning issues developed by the BLM interdisciplinary team. The committee will provide recommendations on any modifications to this list that they may have. The planning issues are the questions (e.g., how should the BLM manage recreation while protecting ecological, cultural, and historic values) that the BLM will explore answers to through the range of alternative management approaches developed for the draft plan.

Friday, June 5, 2015: This meeting will focus on the ecological values within the National Monument for which the BLM will be developing alternative management approaches through the planning process. BLM resource leads for wildlife, botany, and invasive species will be present to share the breadth of considerations and opportunities that will be considered in the generation of alternatives.

Tues., June 9, 2015: This meeting will focus on cultural and historic values within the National Monument for which the BLM will be developing alternative management approaches through the planning process. The BLM resource lead for cultural and heritage resources will be present to introduce the MAC to the requirements for considerations and analysis in the generation of alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia deChadenèves, San Juan Islands National Monument Manager, P.O. Box 3, 37 Washburn Ave., Lopez Island, Washington 98261, (360) 468–3051, or mdechade@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1(800) 877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The twelve member San Juan Islands MAC was chartered to provide information and advice regarding the development of the San Juan Islands National Monument’s RMP. Members represent an array of stakeholder interests in the land and resources from within the local area and statewide. All advisory committee meetings are open to the public. At each meeting, at 3:45 p.m., members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the MAC during a one-hour public comment period. Persons wishing to make comments during the public comment period should register in person with the BLM by 3 p.m. on that meeting day, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, the length of comments may be limited. The public may send written comments to the MAC at San Juan Islands National Monument, Attn. MAC, P.O. Box 3, 37 Washburn Ave., Lopez Island, Washington 98261. The BLM appreciates all comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under The Clean Air Act

On May 1, 2015, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington in the matter of United States of America v. North Carolina, et al., No. 2:15–CV–01360. The Consent Decree, which is available at http://www.justice.gov/atc, relates to the design and construction of the Beige Plant, a hazardous waste incinerator owned and operated by the North Carolina Electric Coop, Inc. at a site located in Bladen County, North Carolina. For further information, please contact the Case Management Staff, United States Department of Justice, on 202–514–0172.