Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodations, such as hearing interpreters, may contact Mr. Gregory Fesko by telephone at 406–896–25276 or via the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 no later than September 19, 2018.

Submitting Written Information

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the council to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by the date in the table above so that the information may be made available to the council for consideration prior to the meeting. Submit written statements in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and/or one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Requests to address the council during the public comment period will be accommodated in the order the requests are received. Interested parties must contact the Policy Advisor for International Affairs in writing (preferably via email; see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). Depending on the number of people who want to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements up to 30 days after the meeting.

Public Disclosure of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Meeting Minutes

Detailed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting. They will be posted on the internet at http://www.fws.gov/iwcc.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

James W. Kurth,
Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, exercising the authority of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This sale is being held in response to a Lease-by-Application (LBA) filed by BNI Coal, Ltd. (BNI). The Federal coal resources to be offered are located in the following-described lands:

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The 160-acre tract, located in Oliver County, North Dakota, contains an estimated 2.4 million tons of surface mineable Federal coal resources. The tract contains one mineable coal bed, the Hagel A bed. The Hagel A bed averages approximately 9.0 feet in thickness with an average overburden thickness of 43 feet. The coal quality for the Hagel A bed averages 6,729 BTUs per pound in heating value, 39.31 percent moisture, 5.74 percent ash, 0.76 percent sulfur, and 6.23 percent sodium-in-ash content.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM’s estimate of the fair-market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is $100 per acre or fraction thereof. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair-market value. The fair-market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Cashier, BLM Montana State Office, at the address provided in the ADDRESSES section and clearly marked “Sealed Bid for NDM 102083 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 11 a.m. October 10, 2018.” The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 10 a.m. will not be considered. If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the sale.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that coal resources in lands in Oliver County, North Dakota, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bids in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 11 a.m. Mountain Time on October 10, 2018. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 10 a.m., October 10, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the 920 Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana State Office, 3001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Montana State Office, at this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Fesko by telephone at 406–896–5080 or by email at gfesko@blm.gov.

Persons who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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.
official’s announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received. Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay to the BLM the cost-recovery fees in the amount of $240,321.00 in addition to all processing costs the BLM incurs after the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2).

A lease issued as a result of this offering will require payment of an annual rental of $3 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods. Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available at the Montana State Office. Casefile NDM 102083 is also available for public inspection at the Montana State Office.

Authority: 43 CFR 3422.3–2

Al Nash, Acting State Director, BLM Montana/Dakotas.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of advisory board meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board (Advisory Board) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Advisory Board will hold a public meeting Tuesday through Thursday, October 9–11, 2018; from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. A public comment period will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All times are in Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).


Written comments and statements must be mailed to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, Attention: Dorothea Boothe WO–260, 20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003, or emailed to: wwbh advis oryboard@blm.gov by October 2, 2018, in order for the Board to consider them at the October meeting. Please include “Advisory Board Comment” in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothea Boothe, Wild Horse and Burro Program Coordinator, at 202–912–7654, or by email at dboothe@blm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM Director, and the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, on matters pertaining to the management and protection of wild, free-ranging horses and burros on the Nation’s public lands. The Advisory Board operates under the authority of 43 CFR part 1780, subpart 1784. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

I. Advisory Board Public Meeting

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Topics of Interest to the Board

Advisory Board General Business

Advisory Board Working Group Reports

Public Comment Period

Advisory Board Discussion and Recommendations to the BLM

The meeting will be live-streamed at https://www.blm.gov/live. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as an interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify Ms. Boothe no later than September 25, 2018. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange for it.

II. Public Comment Procedures

On Thursday, October 11, 2018, members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the Board on the Wild Horse and Burro Program. Persons wishing to make comments during the public comment period should register in person with the BLM by 2:00 p.m. (MDT) on October 11, 2018, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of commenters, the Advisory Board may limit the length of comments. At previous meetings, comments have been limited to 2 minutes in length; however, this time may vary. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the ADDRESSES section above no later than October 2, 2018, or bring a written copy to the meeting. There will be a webcam present during the entire meeting and individual comments will be recorded.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not required to submit written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM considers comments that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations to be the most useful and likely to influence the BLM’s decisions.