

No Action Alternative; Alternative C—Transportation Impact Reduction Alternative; Alternative D—Conservation Alternative; and Alternative E—Agency Preferred Alternative. Major differences between alternatives focused on the mitigation measures applied to protect resources.

Public scoping was initiated on August 26, 2005, with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**. On February 1, 2008, a Notice of Availability announcing the availability of the Draft EIS for a 90-day public comment period was published in the **Federal Register** (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>) and the EPA's **Federal Register** of Environmental Documents (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>). The public comment period officially closed on May 1, 2008. During the Draft EIS public comment period, the Price Field Office received approximately 55,000 comment letters from Federal agencies, state and local governments, Indian tribes, and interested groups and publics. The majority of the concerns that were raised by the public on the Draft EIS were focused on impacts to cultural resources, air quality, lands with wilderness characteristics, and wildlife.

In December 2008, between the Draft EIS and Final EIS, and as a result of concerns regarding impacts to cultural resources, the BLM recommended development of a Programmatic Agreement. Sixteen governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations participated in the development of, and were signatories to, the Agreement on January 5, 2010. The Agreement identifies measures that will minimize the impacts of project-related activity on cultural resources.

In addition, the BLM conducted project specific air quality modeling for ozone for analysis in the Final EIS. The BLM has determined that the range of alternatives considered within the Draft EIS evaluates sufficient mitigation measures to address wildlife and wilderness concerns.

The Agency Preferred Alternative identified in the Draft EIS and Final EIS was not carried forward as the Selected Alternative in ROD. Rather, the decision is a combination of elements selected from the alternatives discussed in the EIS. Regulations allow the agency to select a combination of alternatives if the effects of such combined elements of alternatives are reasonably apparent from the analysis in the relevant environmental document (43 CFR 46.420(c)).

During preparation of the Final EIS, BBC voluntarily contracted their plan of development from their original

Proposed Action (Alternative A). According to BBC, as a result of interim drilling during the preparation of the EIS, they increased their knowledge of the extent of the natural gas deposits, and refined their operational practices, which will allow BBC to maximize natural gas recovery while minimizing surface disturbance.

The Selected Alternative in the ROD provides for natural gas drilling on leased Federal lands as proposed within the contracted plan of development, with minor modifications. The ROD also provides for development of leased lands held by other lessors within the WTP Project Area. The decision in the ROD to approve the Selected Alternative is consistent with the goals, objectives, and decisions in the Price and Vernal Field Offices' RMPs, which were completed in October 2008.

When compared to the action alternatives considered in the Final EIS, the Selected Alternative in the ROD will substantially reduce the footprint of the project upon the land by making extensive use of directional drilling from a lesser number of well pads. Under the Selected Alternative, BBC will not construct new well pads within the Jack and Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), and will minimize the amount of development on non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics. In addition, the ROD includes a decision to restrict public motorized access on certain roads in the WTP Project Area. Restricted use of these roads is in conformance with the goals and objectives of the 2008 Price RMP and modifies the Travel Management Plan Map contained in that document.

The ROD is effective 30 days from the date that the EPA publishes its Notice of Availability of the Final EIS and ROD in the **Federal Register**. During the 30 days between the EPA publication and the effective date of the ROD, the ROD may be appealed to the IBLA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22203, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR part 4. The appeal must also be filed with the State Director, BLM, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

If you wish to file a petition for stay of the ROD pursuant to 43 CFR 4.21 during the pendency of your appeal before the IBLA, the petition for stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for stay must show sufficient justification based on the standards listed in 43 CFR 4.21(b) which include:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
- (3) The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resource if the stay is not granted; and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the State Director.

A copy of the notice of appeal, and statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Regional Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 6201 Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1180, no later than 15 days after filing documents with the State Director or IBLA.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **General Management Plan/Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, Hyde Park, NY**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, Hyde Park, NY.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2) (C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan (GMP/EIS) for Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, Hyde Park, New York.

The Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS includes an analysis of agency and public comments received on the Draft GMP/EIS with NPS responses, errata sheets detailing editorial corrections to the Draft GMP/EIS, and copies of agency and substantive public comments. No changes have been made to the alternatives or to the impact analysis presented in the Draft GMP/EIS.

Therefore, Action Alternative Two remains as the National Park Service Preferred Alternative.

The public release of the Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS will be followed by a 30-day no-action period, after which a Record of Decision will be prepared to document the selected alternative and set forth any stipulations for implementation of the GMP. The Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS and the Draft GMP/EIS constitute the complete and final documentation upon which the Record of Decision will be based.

**DATES:** The NPS will execute a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Abbreviated Final GMP/EIS is available online at the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rova>). Hard-copies of the document are available for inspection at the Hyde Park Free Library, 2 Main Street, Hyde Park, NY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538, Phone: 845.229.9116, ext. 33, [Sarah\\_Olson@nps.gov](mailto:Sarah_Olson@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft GMP/EIS addresses the three units of the national park system that compose Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites: Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site (NHS); Eleanor Roosevelt NHS; and Vanderbilt Mansion NHS. The three national historic sites are combined into a single administrative unit, but each was established by separate legislation. The Draft GMP/EIS evaluates alternatives to guide the management of the national historic sites over the next 20 years. The No-Action Alternative continues the current management direction. Action Alternative One emphasizes restoring historic appearance of the properties and encouraging visitors to explore more of the estate buildings and landscape. Action Alternative Two seeks to make the parks relevant to more audiences by encouraging greater civic participation in park activities, while significantly enhancing the historic character of park resources. Action Alternative Two is the agency Preferred Alternative. The Draft GMP/EIS was available for public and agency review from December 24, 2009 through February 28, 2010. Copies of the document were sent to individuals, agencies, and organizations, and were made available at park visitor centers,

local library, and on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rova>). Public open houses were held on January 28 and 29, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Wright Area Coal Final Environmental Impact Statement That Includes Four Federal Coal Lease-by-Applications, Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wright Area Coal project that contains four Federal coal Lease-by-Applications (LBAs), and by this notice announces the availability of the Wright Area Coal Final EIS for review.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Wright Area Coal Final EIS within 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [Wright\\_WY@blm.gov](mailto:Wright_WY@blm.gov). Please include "Wright Area Coal FEIS—Sarah Bucklin" in the subject line.
- *FAX:* 307-261-7587, *Attn:* Sarah Bucklin.
- *Mail:* Wyoming High Plains District Office, Bureau of Land Management, *Attn:* Sarah Bucklin, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604.
- Written comments may also be hand-delivered to the BLM Wyoming High Plains District Office in Casper.

Copies of the Final EIS are available at the following BLM office locations: The BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353

Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and the BLM Wyoming High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. The Final EIS is available electronically at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/content/wy/en/info/NEPA/HighPlains/Wright-Coal.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Bucklin or Mike Karbs, BLM Wyoming High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. Ms. Bucklin or Mr. Karbs may also be reached at (307) 261-7600 or by e-mail at [casper\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:casper_wymail@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final EIS analyzes the potential impacts of issuing leases for six Federal coal maintenance tracts serialized as WYW164812 (North Hilight Field Tract), WYW174596 (South Hilight Field Tract), WYW172388 (West Hilight Field Tract), WYW172685 (West Jacobs Ranch Tract), WYW173408 (North Porcupine Tract), and WYW176095 (South Porcupine Tract) in the decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, Wyoming. The BLM is considering issuing these six coal leases as a result of four applications filed in accordance with 43 CFR part 3425 between October 2005 and September 2006. Supplementary information by tract is as follows:

### North and South Hilight Field Tracts

On October 7, 2005, Ark Land Company applied for Federal coal reserves in two maintenance tracts encompassing approximately 4,590.19 acres and 588.2 million tons of coal as estimated by the applicant. The tracts are adjacent to the Black Thunder Mine operated by Thunder Basin Coal Company. The BLM determined that the application would be processed as two separate tracts. The tracts are referred to as the North Hilight Field Tract, case file number WYW164812, and the South Hilight Field Tract, case file number WYW174596. As applied for, the coal in the tracts would potentially extend the life of the mine by as many as four years.

As applied for, the North Hilight Field Tract includes approximately 263.4 million tons of recoverable coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

T. 44 N., R. 70 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
Section 19: Lots 5 through 20.

T. 44 N., R. 71 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
Section 23: Lots 1 through 16;  
Section 24: Lots 1 through 16;  
Section 26: Lots 1 through 16.

Containing 2,613.50 acres, more or less.