



OFFICE

500 South Gillette Avenue
Suite 1100
Gillette, Wyoming 82716
(307) 682-7283
(307) 687-6325 FAX
www.ccgov.net

Robert P. Palmer, Commissioners
Administrative Director

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Roy Edwards, Chairman
Dan Coolidge
Christopher R. Knapp
Amir Sancher
Stephen F. Hughes

August 26, 2010

Wyoming High Plains District Office
Bureau of Land Management
Ms. Sarah Bucklin
Environmental Protection Specialist
2987 Prospector Drive
Casper, WY 82604

RE: Wright Area Coal FEIS

Dear Ms. Bucklin,

On behalf of the Campbell County Board of Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wright Area Coal tracts, Lease By Applications. Campbell County is in support of the Proposed Action as outlined in the Final EIS dated July 2010. A competitive coal lease sale on the North Hilight Field, South Hilight Field, West Hilight Field, West Jacobs Ranch, North Porcupine and South Porcupine Tracts will provide interested parties the possibility to participate, with the successful bidder(s) being issued a maintenance lease.

The Lease By Applications (LBA's) process has worked well in the Powder River Basin, and we would encourage your continued and timely use of this competitive mechanism. Campbell County and the Powder River Basin supply over forty percent (40%) of the United States coal production. This significant resource provides cost effective electricity for millions of homes and businesses across the country. In addition, our coal industry provides high income and skilled employment both directly with the mining companies and indirectly with the service jobs to support this industry. Further, state and local governments, along with the federal government, derive a substantial amount of revenue from the production of coal in Wyoming. These funds are invested in our schools, infrastructure and services provided throughout the state. It is vitally important these lease tracts are administered appropriately to maintain production and continued development of this essential industry.

Ms. Bucklin, we appreciate the opportunity to comment affirmatively on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Wright Area Coal Lease Applications. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roy Edwards
Roy Edwards
Chairman

2010 AUG 30 A 7 14
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
HIGH PLAINS DISTRICT
CASPER FIELD OFFICE