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BLM Gathering Public Input on Coal Program at Six Public Meetings *Public Participation is Next Step in Comprehensive Coal Program Review*

Washington, D.C.—As the next step in the Department of the Interior’s comprehensive review of the federal coal program, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will solicit public input at six public meetings starting with Casper, Wyo., on May 17.

Meetings in Casper, Wyo., Salt Lake City, Knoxville, Seattle, and Grand Junction, Colo., will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time. The Pittsburgh meeting will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. local time. Specifics for all of the upcoming public scoping meetings can be found below:

May 17, 2016 Casper Events Center
1 Events Drive
Casper, WY 82601
Doors open for speaker registration at 8:30 a.m.; meeting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 19, 2016 Salt Palace Convention Center
90 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Doors open for speaker registration at 8:00 a.m., meeting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 26, 2016 Tennessee Theatre
604 S. Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
Doors open for speaker registration at 8:00 a.m.; meeting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 21, 2016 Sheraton Seattle Downtown
1400 6th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101
Doors open for speaker registration at 8:00 a.m.; meeting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 23, 2016 Two Rivers Convention Center Avalon Theatre
645 Main Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Doors open for speaker registration at 8:00 a.m.; meeting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 28, 2016* Pittsburgh Convention Center
1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Doors open for speaker registration at 11:00 a.m.; meeting 1 to 7 p.m.
*Please note this is a new date; the meeting originally scheduled for June 16, 2016, is now scheduled for June 28, 2016.

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The meetings in Casper, Wyo., Seattle and Pittsburgh will be live-streamed at www.blm.gov/live.and; meetings in Salt Lake City, Knoxville, Tenn., and Grand Junction, Colo., will have a toll-free, listen-only audio link available via telephone.

Those who attend the meetings in person and who wish to speak will be asked to sign in. Speakers will be called upon on a first-come, first-served basis determined by sign-in order. Attendees wishing to speak will be accommodated to the fullest extent possible given the time available. The maximum speaking time per speaker is three minutes.

Written comments may be submitted until July 28, 2016*, using one of the following methods:

Email: BLM_WO_Coal_Program_PEIS_Comments@blm.gov

Mail: Coal Programmatic EIS Scoping
Bureau of Land Management
20 M St. SE, Room 2134 LM
Washington, D.C. 20003

*Please note that the deadline for submitting written comments was changed to July 28, 2016, due to the rescheduling of the Pittsburgh public scoping meeting.

Additional information on the PEIS can be found [here](#), and additional information on the federal coal program can be found [here](#). The Notice of Intent to prepare a Programmatic EIS can be found [here](#).

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