## Status of Currently Pending Lease and Lease Modification Applications as of February 28, 2017

**Table 1. Projects Potentially Covered by One of the Pause Exceptions** 

| State | Mine                 | Application Type                | Acres        | Tons       | Status  |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|---|
|       |                      | (Serial No.)                    | 1.10         | (Millions) |   |
| AL    | Narley Mine<br>No. 3 | LBA<br>(ALES55199)              | 160          | 0.67 M     | Lease by application (LBA) decision record (DR) signed Feb. 2015. An unsuccessful lease sale was held Apr. 14, 2016. A lease sale reoffer Federal Register Notice is being prepared.  |
| СО    | Foidel Creek         | LMA<br>(COC54608)               | 310          | 0.34 M     | DR signed Dec. 2015. Lease Modification<br>Application (LMA) was issued effective April 1,<br>2016. In response to an IBLA case remand, a<br>new DR was issued December 21, 2016.   |
| СО    | Colowyo              | LMA<br>(COC123475)              | 28           | 0          | LMA less than 160 acres. DR signed June 30, 2016. Lease modification was issued effective October 1, 2016.  |
| СО    | West Elk             | LMAs<br>(COC1362 &<br>COC67232) | 800 &<br>921 | 10.1 M     | LMA's DR signed 2014. OMB determined USFS Colorado Roadless Rule (CRR) is a significant rulemaking and will require more time to process. The CRR NOA final SEIS was published in the FR November 17, 2016. The FS ROD and CRR Final Rule were published in the FR on December 19, 2016. The reinstatement of the CRR becomes effective mid-February 2017.        |
| ОН    | Buckingham<br>Coal   | LBA<br>(OHES57390)              | 432          | 1.420 M    | Environmental assessment (EA) finalized Sept. 2013. U.S. Forest Service DR was signed September 12, 2013. LBA sale proposed mid-2017.   |
| ND    | Falkirk Mine         | LBA<br>(NDM107039)              | 320          | 3.4 M      | Potential bypass situation.* In February 2016, the applicant provided written notice requesting BLM to continue processing the LBA. In July 2016, MT SO determined that the LBA met the S.O. 3338 Section 6a., emergency leasing criteria, to allow the processing of the LBA to a leasing decision. WO concurred on November 11, 2016. The EA is being prepared. |
| ND    | Center Mine          | LBA<br>(NDM102083)              | 160          | 2.43 M     | Potential bypass situation.* On February 23, 2016, BNI notified BLM that their LBA was submitted under the Emergency Leasing provisions of 43 CFR 3425.1-4. BLM determined that the LBA met Emergency Leasing Sec. 6(a) criteria of S.O. 3338. WO concurrence provided 7-12-16. The NEPA document is being prepared.  |
| MT    | Rosebud              | LMA<br>(MTM080697)              | 160          | 5.9 M      | LMA less than 160 acres. The LMA's EA thirty-day public scoping period started on October 31, 2016 and ended on November 29, 2016. EA analysis underway.  |
| UT    | Sufco Mine           | LBA<br>(UTU84102)               | 6,175        | 56.6 M     | Greens Hollow Final Supplemental<br>Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) issued<br>Feb. 2015. U.S. Forest Service ROD signed<br>Oct. 2015. A successful LBA sale was held  |

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|       |               |                                  |       |                    | January 4, 2017.   |
| WY    | Bridger       | LMA<br>(WYW154595)               | 120   | 0.74 M             | DR signed Dec. 29, 2015. On August 26, 2016, the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) issued an Order to set aside and remand this DR because of its signing by an improper authority. BLM is currently taking steps to evaluate and implement IBLA's order.  |
| WY    | Antelope      | LMA<br>(WYW177903)               | 856   | 15.8 M             | DR signed Aug.15, 2014. On February 7, 2017, the IBLA set aside and remanded this DR because the improper authority signed. BLM is currently taking steps to evaluate and implement IBLA's decision.   |
| WY    | Black Thunder | LBA<br>(WYW164812)               | 4,530 | 467.6 M            | Wright Area Coal Lease FEIS issued Jul. 2010.<br>U.S. F.S. ROD signed in 2011, BLM ROD signed February 1, 2012. Applicant has requested delay of sale 3 times citing market conditions. Anticipated sale date in late 2018.  |
| WY    | Buckskin      | LBA<br>(WYW172684)               | 1253  | 167 M              | Kiewit Mining Properties Hay Creek II LBA FEIS issued Jul. 2011. BLM ROD signed May 1, 2013. BLM held an unsuccessful LBA sale September 18, 2013. Applicant requested a reoffer and then in 2015 requested that BLM delay offering this lease due to poor market conditions. Sale date is yet to be determined. |
| WY    | Cordero Rojo  | LBA<br>(WYW180711)               | 2306  | 271 M              | South Gillette FEIS issued Aug. 2009. BLM ROD signed Aug. 30, 2012. On December 19, 2014, Cordero advised BLM that they were not prepared to participate in a sale for this lease. Sale date is yet to be determined.  |

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**Table 2. Projects Potentially Subject to the Temporary Pause** 

Note: Projects in Table 2 may proceed with NEPA and other related analyses at the applicant's request during the programmatic review; however, the BLM will not make final decisions on new leases until the comprehensive review is completed unless the applicant has demonstrated that one of the S.O. 3338 exemptions or exclusions

apply.

| State State | Mine         | Application Type | Acres | Tons       | Mine Type Underground                         |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------|------------|---|
|             |              | (Serial No.)     |       | (Millions) | Surface and Status                            |
| AL          | Cassidy      | LBA              | 5,988 | 22.753 M   | Underground Applicant requested that BLM      |
|             |              | (ALES55797)      |       |            | continue work on LBA.                         |
| AL          | Yellow Creek | LBA              | 5,658 | 27.326 M   | Underground EA on hold                        |
|             |              | (ALES56519)      |       |            |   |
| AR          | Bates        | LBA              | 2,430 | 0.0268 M   | Underground Applicant requested that BLM      |
|             |              | (ARES57757)      |       |            | continue work on LBA.                         |
| CO          | King II Mine | LMA              | 955   | 6.3 M      | Underground CSO determined that the LMA       |
|             |              | (COC62920)       |       |            | meets the S.O. 3338 Emergency Leasing Section |

<sup>\*</sup>Application may qualify under emergency application provisions.

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|       |                    |                                  |        |                    | 6(a) exemption. WO concurrence provided on 7-12-16. An EA is expected to be available mid-2017.  |
| СО    | Bookcliffs         | LBA<br>(COC70538)                | 14,098 | 78 M               | Underground The Notice of Intent to complete and EIS was published on 1/17/14. The EIS is currently on hold at applicant's request.  |
| СО    | New Elk Coal<br>Co | LBA<br>(COC71978)                | 1,440  | 9 M                | Underground The LBA's EA is on hold awaiting additional data from the applicant.   |
| KY    | Alma Deep          | LBA<br>(KYES55296)               | 554    | 5.336 M            | Underground EA has been reviewed and returned by the US Army Corps of Engineers with comments. BLM has not received confirmation by the applicant to continue processing during the Pause.   |
| MT    | Decker             | LMA<br>(MTM101099)               | 310    | 17.5 M             | Surface In 2015, the applicant requested BLM to delay processing the LMA for a 3-5 years.  |
| MT    | Decker             | LBA<br>(MTM108494)               | 2,375  | 203.4 M            | Surface In 2016, the applicant requested BLM to delay processing the LBA for a 3-5 years. The applicant intends to initiate baseline data collection on the coal tract in 2017.  |
| MT    | Spring Creek       | LBA<br>(MTM105485)               | 1,603  | 198.2 M            | Surface On January 21, 2016, the applicant provided BLM a written request to continue processing the NEPA analysis on the LBA in accordance with S.O. 3338 Section 5 a. (ii). Public scoping meetings were held on January 25, 2017.   |
| MT    | Spring Creek       | LMA<br>(MTM094378)               | 150    | 6.9 M              | Surface On January 21, 2016, the applicant provided the MSO a written request to continue processing the NEPA analysis on their application in accordance with S.O. 3338 Section 5 a. (ii). On May 9, 2016 the applicant modified their LMA, reducing tract size to 150 acres. BLM confirmed that the lease modification application is not subject to S.O. 3338 because the modified lease tract is less than 160 acres and the LMA can continue through to a leasing decision. On November 28, 2016 WO concurred. The LMA is being processed in an EIS in conjunction with the Spring Creek LBA (MTM-105485). Public scoping meetings were held on January 25, 2017. |
| ND    | Center Mine        | LBA<br>(NDM105513)               | 1,040  | 22.7M              | Surface On July 12, 2016, BLM determined LBA met Emergency Leasing Sec. 6(a) criteria of S.O. 3338 and MSO SD notification letter was issued to the applicant on July 28, 2016. WO concurrence provided 7-12-16 to proceed.  |
| OK    | Heavener           | LBA<br>(OKNM130536)              | 5,915  | TBD                | Surface & Underground On May 19, 2016,<br>applicant submitted request for Exemption to SO<br>3338 Package is under review by Coal Specialist<br>NMSO.  |
| OK    | Liberty No. 8      | LBA<br>(OKNM124610)              | 1,620  | 3.2 M              | Surface On June 27, 2016 applicant submitted request for Exemption to SO 3338 to the NMSO.   |
| OK    | McCurtain          | LBA<br>(OKNM127509)              | 1,271  | 3.6 M              | Underground Applicant submitted request for Exemption to SO 3338 on July 11, 2016. Package is under review by NMSO.  |

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| OK    | Decker Mine               | LBA (OKNM131007)                 | 67    | 0.20 M              | Surface application withdrawn by applicant   |
| OK    | Pollyanna                 | LBA<br>(OKNM134392)              | 790   | 4.45 M              | Underground On October 9, 2015, the applicant request processing of LMA (OKNM-91190) first.  |
| OK    | Pollyanna #8              | LMA<br>(OKNM-91190)              | 520   | 3.37 M              | Underground NM SO is reviewing the lessee's qualifications for meeting S.O. 3338 Emergency Leasing Sec. 6(a) exemption.  |
| OK    | Milton                    | LMA<br>(OKBLM17902)              | 290   | 1.80 M              | Surface: Lessee has not indicated whether they would like BLM to continue processing during the Pause.   |
| OK    | Rock Island               | LMA<br>(OKNM91571)               | 960   | TBD                 | Surface Oklahoma RMP initiated 07/26/2013. Lessee has not indicated whether they would like BLM to continue processing during the Pause.   |
| OK    | Shady<br>Point/Cavanal    | LMA<br>(OKNM91590)               | 380   | TBD                 | Surface Oklahoma RMP initiated 07/26/2013. Lessee has not indicated whether they would like BLM to continue processing during the Pause.   |
| OK    | Heavener                  | LMA<br>(OKNM91569)               | 900   | TBD                 | Surface Oklahoma RMP initiated 07/26/2013. On May 19, 2016, applicant submitted request for Exemption to SO 3338. Package is under review by NMSO.   |
| UT    | Alton Coal<br>Development | LBA<br>(UTU81895)                | 2,682 | 30.8 M to<br>44.9 M | Surface: The FEIS NOA FRN will be completed for submittal to the WO after the comments are evaluated and addressed. Alton has submitted an alteration to the LBA (UTU-081895) to provide two tracts within the original application area. Tract 1 is proposed to meet the Emergency Lease Application requirements under 43 CFR § 3425.1-4 which if approved would move forward pending the NEPA analysis and Tract 2 ROD would wait until the S.O. 3338 Pause has ended. UT SO is reviewing the applicant's qualifications for meeting S.O. 3338 Emergency Leasing Sec. 6(a) exemption for Tract 1. |
| UT    | Utah American<br>Energy   | LBA<br>(UTU080043)               | 4,191 | 32.2 M              | Underground NEPA analysis is underway upon the applicants request.   |
| WY    | Rawhide                   | LMA<br>(WYW83395)                | 291   | 26.6 M              | Surface. On May 12, 2016, lessee asked BLM to continue processing their LMA because they believe it met exclusion 6(a) of SO 3338 (emergency leasing criteria). The BLM Wyoming State Office (WY SO) reviewed the applicant's justification and agreed their application meets exclusion 6(a). On August 10, 2016, the WSO requested WO concurrence. Processing of this application is on hold pending WO review and concurrence.  |
| WY    | Black Butte               | LMA<br>(WYW6266)                 | 450   | 9.2 M               | Surface On April 19, 2016, lessee notified the BLM that they believed LMA WYW-6266 qualified for exclusion under Section 6(a). The BLM SO agreed that the application met the requirements of exclusion 6(a) and requested WO concurrence. On December 2, 2016, the WO provided their concurrence and directed BLM WY to continue processing this application. The   |

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|       |               | (Beriai 140.)                    |       | (Willions)         | EA\FONSI\DR is expected to be released mid-2017.  |
| WY    | Belle Ayr     | LBA<br>(WYW180238)               | 1,874 | 253 M              | Surface The applicant was dissolved as part of bankruptcy proceedings. On February 3, 2017, the BLM requested the new company, Contura Wyoming Land Company, LLC, whether they were interested in pursuing the LBA.           |
| WY    | Antelope      | LBA<br>(WYW184599)               | 3,508 | 441 M              | Surface BLM preparing a Federal Register Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS.  |
| WY    | Haystack      | LBA<br>(WYW159423)               | 300   | 14.3 M             | Surface LBA NEPA processing was suspended until 2010 due to preparation of Kemmerer RMP. In 2013, applicant requested BLM to wait until sage grouse plan amendments were completed (2015) prior to continuing processing LBA. |
| WY    | Black Thunder | LBA<br>(WYW172388)               | 2,371 | 440.4 M            | Surface Sale date will be established after the North Hilight tract (WYW-164812) sells.   |

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