Successful Competitive Lease Sales Since 1990, Colorado

BLM Colorado maintains records of coal lease sales during the year. This table provides information about lease sales based on the Lease by Application (LBA) serial number, which is used to identify and track applications. Sometimes, the applicant is not the same as the final lessee because during the bidding process, someone may submit a larger bid than the applicant.

Data in this table may not add up to the state-specific totals listed on the BLM's national coal page because the national table includes information, such as lease modifications and relinquishments not included here.

LBA Serial Number	Applicant	Federal Register Notice	Acres Offered (per sale notice)	Tons Offered (per sale notice)	Successful Bid	$/ton	$/acre	Lessee (as issued)	Effective Date
COC 049465	Blue Flame Coal	Vol.56, No.56 Pg. 10695	193.080	1,008,000	102,057.58	.10	528.58	GCC Energy LLC	9/1/1990
COC 051551	Western Fuels-Utah Inc.	Vol.56, No.98 Pg. 23299	1,360.000	8,724,000	698,000.00	.08	513.24	Blue Mountain Energy Inc.	10/1/1991
COC 053510	Somerset Mining Co.	Vol.57, No.130 Pg. 29882	1,339.560	10,260,000	1,026,000.00	.10	765.92	Oxbow Mining LLC	11/1/1992
COC 053356	Cyprus Orchard Valley	Vol.57, No.220 Pg. 53923	521.780	1,290,000	141,900.00	.11	271.95	Bowie Resources LLC	3/1/1993
COC 053560	Cyprus Western Coal Co.	Vol.58, No.169 Pg. 46649	544.08	3,584,000	57,225	.016	105	Twentymile Coal Co.	1/1/1994
COC 054558	Atlantic Richfield	Vol.58, No.184 Pg. 50046	1,011.640	10,044,000	803,520.00	.08	794.27	Mountain Coal Co. LLC	1/1/1994
COC 056447	Atlantic Richfield	Vol.60, No.68 Pg. 18142	2,769.670	37,180,000	6,408,034.95	.17	2,313.37	Mountain Coal Co. LLC	6/1/1995
COC 054608	Cyprus Western Coal Co.	Vol.61, No.13 Pg. 1392	2,600.000	23,870,000	4,057,900.00	.17	1,560.73	Twentymile Coal Co.	2/1/1996
COC 060941	National King Coal, LLC	Vol.63, No.35 Pg. 9012	194.79	624,100	19,751.71	.032	101.40	GCC Energy LCC	10/1/1998
COC 061209	Bowie Resources Ltd.	Vol.65, No.75 Pg. 20827	3,210.820	32,600,000	10,334,186.07	.32	3,218.55	Bowie Resources LLC	9/1/2000
COC 061357	Oxbow Mining Co.	Vol.65, No.75 Pg. 20828	4,443.570	20,766,000	8,723,660.88	.42	1,963.21	Oxbow Mining LLC	9/1/2000
COC 062920	National King Coal	Vol.66, No.152 Pg. 41263	1,304.510	7,050,000	396,720.00	.06	304.11	GCC Energy LLC	11/1/2002
COC 066514	Blue Ridge Services	Vol.68, No.240 Pg. 69717	1,520.240	8,365,000	2,065,000.00	.25	1,358.34	Cam-Colorado LLC	12/1/2004
COC 067011	Ark Land Co.	Vol.69, No.101 Pg. 29743	690.950	2,400,000	191,994.35	.08	277.87	Ark Land Co.	9/1/2004
COC 067514	Cyprus Western Coal Co.	Vol.71, No.148 Pg. 43807	200.360	2,100,000	525,000.00	.25	2,620.28	Twenty· 'le Coal Co.	1/1/2007
COC 068590	Colowyo Coal Co.	Vol.72, No.79 Pg. 20560	1,406.710	92,000,000	13,106,600.00	.14	9,317.20	Colowyo Coal Co. LP	9/1/2007
COC 067232	Ark Land Co.	Vol.71, No.236 Pg. 71186	1,517.130	12,100,000*	3,025,000.00	.25	1,993.90	Ark Land Co.	03/1/2007
COC 072980	Twentymile Coal Co.	Vol.73, No.212 Pg. 64981	500.000	1,407,636	350,000.00	.25	700.00	Twentymile Coal Co.	3/1/2009
COC 070615	Oxbow Mining LLC	Vol.77, No.70 Pg. 21803	725.900	3,960,000	900,000.00	.23	1,239.84	Oxbow Mining LLC	7/1/2012
COC 074219	Sage Creek Holdings LLC	Vol.77, No.132 Pg. 40630	400.000	3,200,000	800,000.00	.25	2,000.00	Sage Creek Holdings	9/1/2012
COC 074813	Blue Mtn Energy Co.	Vol.78, No.62 Pg. 19520	3,154.760	21,308,000	6,390,000.00	.30	6,025.51	Blue Mtn Energy Inc.	6/1/2013
COC 75916	Bowie Resources, LLC	Vol.79, No.126 Pg. 37345	1,790.2	8,020,000	2,887,200	.36	1,612.78	Bowie Resources, LLC	10/1/2014

Source: Lease sales data are from BLM Colorado. For additional information, please contact the BLM Colorado state office .

* Based on the Federal Register Notice, the total recoverable reserves were estimated to be 17.3 million tons. The presale estimate was later corrected to reflect the 12.1 million tons shown online.

Definitions used in this table

Lease by Application (LBA) Serial Number: A unique application identifier assigned by the BLM for processing the application. Under an LBA, an application from the public to lease a particular tract of coal is submitted.

Applicant: The applicant is the person, association, or corporation requesting the right to mine Federal coal through an LBA. Applicants pay for BLM processing and work with the BLM through the application process. Applicants shall meet the qualifications required in 43 CFR 3472. Note that the applicant is not necessarily the lessee, who is the successful bidder.

Lessee (as issued): The successful bidder for a lease who has entered into a contract with the BLM to develop Federal coal. The successful bidder is determined by the highest bid that meets or exceeds the pre-sale Fair Market Value estimate, and has been determined to be qualified under 43 CFR 3472 to hold a lease.

Acres Offered (per sale notice): The acres offered is the number published in the Federal Register lease sale notice or in the detailed statement of the terms and conditions of the lease provided prior to the sale.

Tons Offered (per sale notice): The tons offered is the quantity of coal listed normally as recoverable reserve (sometimes provided as minable reserves) published in the Federal Register lease notice or in the detailed statement of the terms and conditions of the lease provided prior to the sale. See 43 CFR 3480.0-5 for definitions of recoverable coal reserves and minable reserve base.

Successful Bid: The amount of the bonus bid offered for a lease tract for the purpose of obtaining the right to explore and develop Federal coal.

Effective Date: The date the coal lease becomes effective. A lease normally becomes effective the first day of the month following the lease signature.