

Successful Competitive Lease Sales Since 1990, Montana

BLM Montana 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
NDM 078697	Coteau Properties Co.	Vol.55, No.242 Pg. 52891	160.000	2,900,000	16,000.00	.01	100.00	Coteau Properties Co.	4/1/1991
NDM 081582	Coteau Properties Co.	Vol.59, No.134 Pg. 35946	792.900	9,100,000	79,300.00	.01	100.01	Coteau Properties Co.	1/1/1995
NDM 085515	Coteau Properties Co.	Vol.62, No.44 Pg. 10289	79.470	2,000,000	8,000.00	.00	100.67	Coteau Properties Co.	7/1/1997
NDM 085517	Coteau Properties Co.	Vol.62, No.44 Pg. 10289	398.790	5,610,000	39,900.00	.01	100.05	Coteau Properties Co.	7/1/1997
NDM 085537	Coteau Properties Co.	Vol.62, No.44 Pg. 10289	160.000	510,000	8,000.00	.02	50.00	Coteau Properties Co.	7/1/1997
NDM 085516	Falkirk Mining Co.	Vol.62, No.44 Pg. 10289	158.750	1,750,000	15,900.00	.01	100.16	Falkirk Mining Co.	7/1/1997
NDM 086601	Knife River Corp.	Vol.63, No.166 Pg. 45854	360.000	6,210,000	36,000.00	.01	100.00	Knife River Corporation	1/1/1999
MTM 080697	Western Energy Co.	Vol.64, No.94 Pg. 26772	1,401.000	27,600,000	4,416,000.00	.16	3,152.03	Western Energy Co.	10/1/1999
MTM 088405	Spring Creek Coal Co.	Vol.63, No.151 Pg. 42059	150.000	15,400,000	1,740,200.05	.11	11,601.33	Spring Creek Coal Co.	4/1/2001
NDM 090783	Coteau Properties Co.	Vol.66, No.246 Pg. 65983	502.800	7,000,000	50,280.00	.01	100.00	Coteau Properties Co.	6/1/2002
NDM 091647	Falkirk Mining Co.	Vol.67, No.202 Pg. 64407	40.000	300,000	4,000.00	.01	100.00	Falkirk Mining Co.	5/1/2003
NDM 091535	Coteau Properties Co.	Vol.71, No.37 Pg. 9593	5,334.000	89,000,000	533,400.00	.01	100.00	Coteau Properties Co.	6/1/2006
NDM 095104	BNI Coal Ltd.	Vol.71, No.160 Pg. 47825	320.000	8,300,000	32,000.00	.00	100.00	BNI Coal Ltd.	5/1/2007
MTM 094378	Spring Creek Coal Co.	Vol.72, No.61 Pg. 15152	1,117.700	108,600,000	19,902,200.00	.18	17,806.39	Spring Creek Coal Co.	12/1/2007
NDM 097633	BNI Coal Ltd.	Vol.74, No.173 Pg. 46452	160.000	3,000,000	16,000.00	.01	100.00	BNI Coal Ltd. - Center Mine	1/1/2010
MTM 097988	Signal Peak Energy LLC	Vol.77, No.10 Pg. 2316	2,679.860	35,500,000	10,650,000.00	.30	3,974.09	Signal Peak Energy LLC	6/1/2012

Source: Lease sales data are from BLM Montana. For additional information, please contact the [BLM Montana state office](#).

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.