

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation to Participate; Exploration for Coal in Colorado License Application COC-75642. AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Texas Oklahoma Coal Company, LLC, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the explo-

ration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Las Animas County, Colorado.

DATES: This notice will be published in the Trinidad Times Independent newspaper, once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of October 23, 2012 and October 30, 2012, and in the Federal Register. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both Texas Oklahoma Coal Company, LLC, and the BLM as provided in the ADDRESSES section below by November 22, 2012 or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this notice in the Trinidad Times Independent newspaper, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Copies of

the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (case file number COC-75642): BLM, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and BLM, Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 E. Main St, Canon City, Colorado 81212. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify the BLM State Director, in writing, at the BLM Colorado State Office (at the address above) and Texas Oklahoma Coal Company, LLC, Attn: Haldane Morris, 3026 Mockingbird Lane, #312, Dallas, TX 75205.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt M. Barton at (303) 239-3714, kbarton@blm.gov; or Melissa Smeins at

(719) 269-8523, msmeins@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Texas Oklahoma Coal Company, LLC, has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain geologic information about the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 require the publication of an invitation to participate

in the coal exploration in the Federal Register. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands in Las Animas, Colorado: Sixth Principal Meridian T. 32 S., R. 64 W., 6th P.M.

sec. 19, lots 3 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 20, W $\frac{1}{2}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 29, All; sec. 30, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 32, All. sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ . T. 33 S., R. 64 W., 6th P.M. sec. 4, lots 3 to 4, inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 5, lots 1, 3 and 4, in-

clusive SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 6, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 7, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 17, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 18, lots 1 to 2, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 19, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 20, All, except NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ . T. 32 S., R. 65 W., 6th P.M. sec. 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

sec. 13, lots 1 to 3, inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 24, lots 1 to 11, inclusive, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 25, All; sec. 26, All; sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 35, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ . T. 33 S., R. 65 W., 6th P.M. sec. 1, lots 1 to 2, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 3, lots 1 to 2, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 11, All, except W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ . These lands contain 16,538 acres, more or less. The proposed exploration program is fully described in, and will be conducted pursuant to, an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM. Helen M. Hankins, State Director Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1)

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