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OPTIONAL REPLY DUE: October 27, 2014

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office is accepting comments on a coal exploration application received for federally-owned minerals on private property. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a property owner within the project area or you may have an interest in the associated activities.

Who: Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua Energy, LLC (GCC)

What: Coal Exploration License Application to explore for coal on approximately 4846 acres of split-estate lands (private surface / federal minerals). Up to twenty-four (24) test holes may be drilled with 23 holes will test areas that are Federal coal. One hole (1) will test private minerals. The area will be accessed via existing roads with some overland travel.

Where:

T.35N., R.11W.,

- Sec. 17: lots 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Sec. 17: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 18: 1-10, inclusive; Sec. 18: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 19: 1, 2, 6, 7; Sec. 19: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 20: NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 30: lots 1-4, inclusive; Sec. 30: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T.35N., R. 12W.,

- Sec. 13: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 14: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 15: S $\frac{1}{2}$;
- Sec. 21: E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
- Sec. 22: N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 23: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec: 24: N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec: 25: lots 3, 4, 5, 6

Disturbance: Each drill site is estimated to be a maximum of 0.23 acre for a total of 5.52 acres. All drill sites would be reclaimed to pre-disturbance conditions as specified by the private land owner in a surface use agreement. No new roads are proposed. Road improvements would remain in place after the project is concluded.

When: Upon license issuance, weather dependent and drill rig availability. Operations are expected to take between 8 to 12 weeks. Reclamation would be conducted as soon as possible afterwards.

Purpose of and Need for Action: Allow the applicant to explore for federal coal deposits in an efficient and environmentally sound manner as established by BLM's responsibility under the Mineral Leasing Act (as amended) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Comments¹ regarding this proposal should be submitted via email or hard copy to:

BLM Tres Rios Field Office
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Durango, CO 81301
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Sincerely,



Connie Clementson
Field Manager

¹Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment –including your personally identifiable information –may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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