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In Reply Refer to:
COC37210, COC61209

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Dear Interested Party,

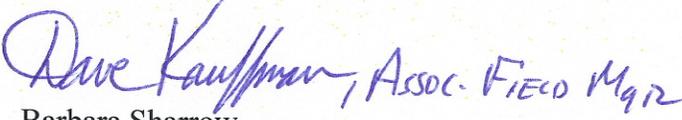
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office has released its preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Bowie Resources, LLC proposed coal lease modifications to federal coal leases COC37210 and COC61209. Bowie has applied for two coal lease modifications adjacent to its Bowie No. 2 Mine. Bowie's application consisted of adding a total of about 502.43 acres to its leases in order to prevent the bypassing of about 3.25 million recoverable tons of federal coal. The coal lease modifications surface area includes private and public lands in which BLM manages a portion of the surface. The lease modifications are located about five miles northeast of Paonia in Delta County in Township 13 South, Ranges 91 and 92 West, 6th P.M.

To review the EA and FONSI, go to
http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/ufo.html
(scroll to DOI-BLM-CO-S050-2012-0001 EA).

Comments must be submitted by Wednesday, May 30, 2012, in writing to the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, Attn: Desty Dyer, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401; fax 970-240-5368; or email ddyer@blm.gov.

Please note comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

for  Assoc. Field Mgr
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