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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has completed its analysis of the proposed Nance-Brown Alluvial Valley Floor (AVF) Fee Coal exchange in Rosebud County, Montana. Pursuant to 43 CFR 2201.7-1(a)(2), this letter and the enclosed Notice of Decision (NOD) serve as official notice that BLM has rendered a decision to approve the exchange of fee coal with the Nance-Brown parties. The NOD will be published in the *Miles City Star* and *Forsyth Independent* newspapers on or about September 1, 2011, and provides details of the coal lands involved, and instructions on how you can obtain a copy of the Decision Record. In addition, the NOD contains the procedures for filing a protest, which would need to be filed within 45 days of the publication date of the NOD.

This NOD is being sent for informational purposes and does not require a response unless you wish to obtain additional information. Copies of the revised Environmental Assessment and Decision Record are available for review at the Miles City Field Office and the BLM Montana State Office in Billings, Montana.

We thank you for your interest in this exchange of coal proposal. Please direct any questions to Dan Fox, AVF Project Manager, at the Miles City Field Office, or call at (406) 233-3664.

Sincerely,

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Deputy State Director  
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1 Enclosure  
1-Notice of Decision