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Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Rough Draw, WYW-168317
1425 Fort Street
Buffalo, WY 82834

Re: Failure to provide Exhibit 4 for full public scoping period; Rough Draw, WYW-168317.

The Wyoming Mining Association (WMA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above referenced application. WMA is a statewide trade association representing bentonite, coal, trona, and uranium. Wyoming leads the nation in production of all four of those minerals. Wyoming coal provides 40% of the nations coal and generates over \$1 billion per year in taxes, royalties and fees for use by Wyoming state and local government.

We are writing to address the lack of a full application for the public scoping process for WYW-168317. Since inception of the public scoping period on December 6, several of our members have been reviewing the application materials and awaiting the posting of Exhibit 4 on the BLM webpage established for the referenced application. Since December 6, and currently, the entry for Exhibit 4 does not provide a link to an actual exhibit for review, simply a message that it "will be available soon."

Based on the text of Page 11 of the Plan of Development for the application, Exhibit 4 is supposed to contain the Analysis of Impacts of Methane Farming. As such, that exhibit is a crucial part of the public review and comment process for this application. Its absence from public access for this extended duration is a significant concern regarding that process.

The allocated public scoping period of 28 days is about 33% exhausted and the remainder of the announced scoping period contains two significant holiday periods. To ensure that all materials of the application are available to the public for a full four-week scoping period, WMA formally requests that the scoping period for this application be extended to a point 28 days from the date that Exhibit 4 is ultimately posted to the BLM webpage for this application.

Thank you in advance for your considerations on this request.

Sincerely,
WYOMING MINING ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marion Loomis'.

Marion Loomis
Executive Director