

## **HAY CREEK II COAL EIS**

### Background

In March 2006, Buckskin Mining Company filed an application for a coal lease to provide reserves to allow the Buckskin Mine to continue production. The Powder River Basin Regional Coal Team reviewed the application in April 2006 and recommended the LBA be processed. The applicant subsequently twice modified the application (May 2008 and January 2009).

### Current Status

A Draft EIS was issued in March 2010, and public comment was taken. The Final EIS is currently in preparation and will be issued for public comment in 2011.

### Past Actions

BLM issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS on this LBA – January 2008

BLM conducted scoping and a public meeting in Gillette – January 2008

A Draft EIS was issued for public comment – March 2010

A public hearing was held in Gillette – April 2010

### Future Actions

A Final EIS will be issued for public comment.

Responses to comments on the Final EIS will be issued.

BLM will complete a record of decision (ROD) on the LBA.

BLM will complete pre-sale fair market value (FMV) analysis.

A competitive sale could be scheduled, announced and held, after FMV analysis is updated.

If high bid at sale meets or exceeds FMV, a lease could be issued to that bidder.

If lease issued, lessee would have to permit the leases for mining through Wyoming DEQ and OSM.