

**HORSE CREEK COAL LEASE APPLICATION (WYW141435)
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
ABSTRACT**

Draft Final

Lead Agency:

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Counties That Could Be Directly Affected:

Campbell County, Wyoming
Converse County, Wyoming

Abstract:

This Final Environment Impact Statement (EIS) assesses the environmental consequences of a federal decision to offer a federal coal tract located in southeastern Campbell County and northeastern Converse County, Wyoming for lease at a competitive, sealed bid sale, subject to standard and special lease stipulations. The Horse Creek Lease By Application (LBA) Tract as applied for by Antelope Coal Company includes approximately 2,840 acres containing approximately 356.5 million tons of federal coal. Antelope Coal Company operates the adjacent Antelope Mine and proposes to mine the Horse Creek LBA Tract as a maintenance tract for the existing mine, if a lease sale is held and they acquire the lease. This Final EIS describes the physical, biological, cultural, historic, and socioeconomic resources in and surrounding the project area. The focus for impact analysis was based upon resource issues and concerns identified during previous coal leasing analyses and public scoping conducted for this lease application. Potential concerns related to development include impacts to groundwater, air quality, and wildlife and cumulative impacts related to ongoing surface coal mining and other proposed development in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming.

Other Environmental Review or Consultation Requirements:

This FEIS, in compliance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (as amended), identifies any endangered or threatened species which are likely to be affected by the Proposed Action.

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