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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to document and disclose the results of an analysis prepared to evaluate the impacts of leasing the Maysdorf Federal coal tract to Cordero Mining Company to extend mining operations at the Cordero Rojo Mine. The mine and adjacent tract are located in the Wyoming Powder River Basin. A copy of this document is provided for your review and comments. The Final EIS may also be reviewed on the BLM Wyoming website at: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/cfdocs/maysdorf.html>.

Copies of the Final EIS are also available for public inspection at the following BLM offices:

Bureau of Land Management  
Wyoming State Office  
5353 Yellowstone Road  
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Bureau of Land Management  
Casper Field Office  
2987 Prospector Drive  
Casper, Wyoming 82604

The Draft EIS was published in May 2006 and a formal public hearing on this application to lease Federal coal was held at 7:00 p.m. on June 13, 2006, at the Clarion Hotel, 2009 South Douglas Highway, Gillette, Wyoming. The purpose of the hearing was to receive comments on the proposed coal lease sale, on the fair market value, and on the maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal resources included in the tract. One individual, a representative of Cordero Mining Company, presented comments at the hearing and comments from five entities were received by the BLM on the Draft EIS.

BLM will accept public comments on this Final EIS for thirty (30) days commencing on the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. All comments received will be considered in preparation of the Record of Decision for this EIS. BLM is also publishing a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Press releases will be submitted to local and state media outlets once the notice is published to notify the public of the final date comments will be accepted.

If you wish to comment on the Final EIS, your comments should relate directly to the document. We request that you make your comments as specific as possible and that you cite the location or locations in the document on which you are commenting. Substantive comments should:

1. give any new information that could alter conclusions;
2. show why or how analysis or assumptions in the EIS are flawed;
3. show errors in data, sources, or methods; or
4. request clarifications that bear on conclusions.

Opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response. However, they will be considered and included as part of the BLM decision making process.

This Final EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and applicable regulations, and other applicable statutes, to address possible environmental and socioeconomic impacts that could result from this project. This Final EIS is not a decision document. Its purpose is to inform the public and the agency decision makers of the impacts of leasing the Maysdorf Federal coal tract to the existing Cordero Mine in Campbell County, Wyoming, and to evaluate alternatives to leasing the Federal coal included in the tract as applied for.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and will be published as part of the Final EIS. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Please send written comments to Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, Attn: Nancy Doelger, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604. Written comments may also be e-mailed to the attention of Nancy Doelger at “casper\_wymail@blm.gov”. E-mail comments must include the name and mailing address of the commentator to receive consideration. Written comments may also be faxed to (307)-261-7587.

If you have any questions or would like to obtain additional copies of this Final EIS, please contact Nancy Doelger at (307) 261-7627, or at the above address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "May Trauth" with "FOR" written below it.

Robert A. Bennett  
State Director