

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
MAYSDORF LBA TRACT
CAMPBELL COUNTY, WYOMING
ABSTRACT**

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Abstract:

This Final Environment Impact Statement (EIS) assesses the environmental consequences of decisions to hold a competitive, sealed-bid sale and issue a lease for a tract of federal coal located adjacent to an existing surface coal mine in Campbell County, Wyoming, subject to standard and special lease stipulations. The Maysdorf Lease by Application (LBA) Tract, as applied for by Cordero Mining Company, includes approximately 2,219.39 acres containing approximately 230 million tons of mineable federal coal. Cordero Mining Company, the operator of the adjacent Cordero Rojo Mine, proposes to mine the tract as a maintenance lease 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 around the existing mine and the LBA tract. The alternatives in the Final EIS consider the impacts of leasing the tract as it was applied for; leasing a reconfigured tract in order to avoid bypassing Federal coal or to increase competitive interest in the tract, and not leasing the tract. The focus for the 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 Final EIS, 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.