

**SUMMARY:** BLM received a proposal to exchange Federal coal in the WY Powder River Basin (PRB) for properties owned by Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co. (P&M) on February 4, 1999. P&M is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chevron Corporation. The Federal coal P&M proposes to acquire is located in northern Sheridan County, WY. The lands and minerals P&M proposes to offer in exchange for the coal are located in Carbon, Lincoln, and Sheridan counties, WY. A portion of the lands being offered in Lincoln County are located within the Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF), and would be administered by the U. S. Forest Service (FS) if an exchange is completed. The exchange would be processed under the provisions of 43 CFR 2200. The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) reviewed this exchange proposal at a public meeting held on October 27, 1999, in Gillette, WY. BLM has determined that the requirements of NEPA would be best served by preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for this exchange proposal.

**DATES:** As part of the public scoping process, public scoping meetings are scheduled at the following times and places:

- 7 p.m., March 5, 2001, LaBarge Town Hall, LaBarge, WY
- 7 p.m., March 6, 2001, BLM Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, WY
- 7 p.m., March 7, 2001, Sheridan Holiday Inn, 1809 Sugarland Drive, Sheridan, WY

If you have concerns or issues that you believe the BLM should address in processing this exchange proposal, you can express them verbally at the scoping meetings; or you can mail, e-mail or fax written comments to BLM at the address given below by March 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address questions, comments or concerns to the BLM Casper Field Office, attn: Nancy Doelger, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604, fax: 307-261-7587, or e-mail comments to the attention of Nancy Doelger at [casper\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:casper_wymail@blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Doelger or Mike Karbs at the above address, or phone: 307-261-7600, or Jim Paugh at the BLM Wyoming State Office (921), P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828, 307-775-6306.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 4, 1999, BLM received a proposal from P&M to exchange properties P&M owns in WY, including all minerals owned by P&M under these properties, for Federal coal in Sheridan

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**  
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**Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping on Proposed Exchange, WY**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping on a proposal from The Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Co. to exchange privately owned lands and minerals in WY for Federal coal in the decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region.

